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WASHINGTON.

Record of Yesterday's Proceedings in Congress.

Bill for the Erection of Chicago Public Buildings Introduced in the House.

Debate in the House on the Postal Telegraph Project.

Synopsis of General Sherman's Annual Report.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Republican members of the Senate will hold a caucus to-morrow, to reorganize the standing committees. Inasmuch as those committees were overhauled last spring, there will be but few changes made, and these mainly to accommodate newly-elected Senators. The movement to restore Sumner to the chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee is practically dead. Cameron is so vain of his position that he desires to keep it, and he will be sustained by the same votes which elected him last spring. Senator Trumbull has announced that the Retrenchment Committee be abolished, and there is considerable talk of following this suggestion and putting Schurz in Sherman. There has been considerable comment, lately, against the Pacific Railroad Committee, and its abolition is recommended. It is urged that the necessity for this committee no longer exists, and that its reputation for fair dealing is not so good that it can be continued simply as an ornament.

CHICAGO PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. Farwell got in his bill, to-day, relative to relieving the burnt public buildings in Chicago, in accordance with the suggestions of the Mayor. It was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings instead of Ways and Means. The plan to be appropriated was altered from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

A portion of the President's message relating to civil service reform was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and the members will instruct Mr. Dawes to report back a resolution that a special committee be raised, to whom shall be referred that portion and the correspondence of the Civil Service Commissioners, and all papers pertaining to this subject.

DIAMOND BOWEN

Made an appearance here after the holidays, and vow to continue his contest for Congress. His claims to have unearthed the ring, by which to show that Delano received fraudulent votes at the October election in the Charleston District in order to secure Congress of his local popularity and prestige, and it is stated that his resignation of his position has already been tendered.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The debate to-day on the reference of that portion of the message relating to the postal telegraph system is considered as an indication that Congress will not authorize the measure. The question to send the matter to a special committee was endorsed to reflect the wishes of the Postmaster-General, and after a long debate this was defeated by a vote of 127 to 87, and the subject referred to the Committee on Appropriations instead.

PENSION REFORM.

The Commissioner of Pensions announces in his report that 301 persons have been dropped from the rolls as undeserving pensioners, and about 1,000 more are now under examination. The army pension agency established in the Indian Territory. This is the one of the recently-suspended Indian pension agencies to have been paid.

LEVEE BILL.

Mr. Golden's bill to incorporate the Mississippi River Levee Company is the first subsidy scheme of any importance. It provides for the construction of levees, and a telegraph from Cairo, Illinois, Missouri, to Fort Jackson, Louisiana, and a subsidy of sixteen thousand dollars per mile, to be in part cash and in part cash-bearing bonds.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Banks will call the Committee on Foreign Affairs together, probably on Thursday, and ask to be relieved from the Cuban matter referred to in the President's message.

THE SOUTHERN CLAIM COMMISSION

Report on Monday. Thus far the cases amount amount to one million six hundred thousand, which aggregate the Commission has been less than half a million.

CHRISTMAS RECESS.

The expectation is that the Christmas recess will begin on the 21st, and continue a week or two through to January.

ARCTIC CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Representative Farwell is preparing a bill for the relief of United States disbursing or accounting officers who are unable to settle their accounts by reason of loss of their papers or moneys in the Chicago fire.

To the Associated Press:

ORDER ORDERED TO KANSAS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—One hundred recruits are sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for assignment to the Third Infantry.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN SUFFERERS.

The Secretary of the Navy has sent a quantity of clothing to sufferers by the fire in Chicago.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S REPORT

On the size and efficiency of the army, and on the fact that Congress will remove the troops from the Southern States, and give the President discretionary power to keep companies up to the standard, is considered important. The report is interesting to the nature of the service required of the troops. Such a measure would add much to the efficiency, and would rarely, if ever, increase the aggregate strength of the service above the standard of 30,000 men now fixed by law. The General asks that some uniform system be adopted for handling all arms of the service.

COLLECTOR M'LEAN, OF CHICAGO,

Arrived to-day, and had a long consultation with Secretary Boutwell, relative to matters pertaining to the government in that city. He also submitted a proposition for temporary accommodations for the government officers in Chicago, which matter has under consideration.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Several bills were introduced and referred.

THE TRIUMPHANT EXPEDITION.

A resolution was adopted calling for the report of Captain Selfridge to the Secretary of the Navy.

STATE'S RESOLUTION.

Was called up on resolution of yesterday, declaring the habeas corpus in South Carolina suspended. Mr. CONKLING opposed the resolution. Mr. COWLEY addressed the Senate in favor of the resolution, and was followed by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, who moved the previous question. The resolution was adopted calling for the correspondence on the subject of the retirement of Minister Catacazy.

EIGHT-HOUR BILL.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, introduced a bill declaring the meaning of the eight-hour law, and moved its reference to the Committee on Education and Labor. Mr. TRUMBULL objected to the immediate passage of the bill, but before the Senate adjourned, Mr. WILSON moved that the bill be printed.

STEAMSHIP BILL.

Mr. PITCHER introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to charter steamships for service between New Orleans and several ports and Havana. Tabled.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. BLAIR introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Washington Aqueduct Company, approved March 3, 1859, which was referred.

Mr. WELLS, of Missouri, introduced a bill for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building for the Federal offices at St. Louis.

PUBLICITY.

Mr. BECK, from the Post Office Committee, reported back the bill providing for the consolidation and publication of the Post Office Department, which was the same bill reported by him at the last Congress.

Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of the Second Day of the Winter Session.

Resignation of Police Commissioner Brown—Temporary Offices on the Reservoir Lot.

Appointment of Standing Committees—Annual Reports of County Officers.

MORNING SESSION.

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, in the High School building, President White in the chair. There were present Commissioners Ashton, Herting, Jones, Pahlman, Lonergan, Roelle, Skelly, Stearns, White, Hitchcock, Harris, Harrison, Talcott. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

THE COUNTY RECORDS.

A communication was received from M. R. M. Wallace, Judge of the County Court, calling attention to the great insecurity of the records and files of the County Court. The place in which they are now kept is an ordinary wooden closet.

It was placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF POLICE COMMISSIONER BROWN.

The following communication was received from T. B. Brown:

To the Honorable, the Cook Co. ty Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: I hereby resign the office of Commissioner of the Board of Police, the same to take effect on Tuesday, December 5, 1871. Respectfully,

T. B. BROWN.

RULES.

Commissioner Hitchcock, from the Committee on Rules, submitted rules for the government of the board, which are substantially the same as those used by the old Board of Supervisors, with the exception of the powers to be exercised by the committees. Rule 13, which is appended, refers to the duties of the committees.

RULE 12. All committees shall report in writing, and may submit propositions for adoption, and their reports shall be signed by a majority of the committee. No committee shall have power to audit any bill or account chargeable to the county, nor any such bill or account shall be audited by the board in open session.

The rules were adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Talcott, 200 copies of the rules were ordered to be printed for the use of the board.

COUNTY OFFICES.

The Chairman said that it was the custom, before electing the county officers, to fix their salaries.

Commissioner Hitchcock said the Clerk to read the names of the offices to be filled.

Commissioner Talcott requested that the salary the officers are now receiving be also mentioned.

The Clerk read as follows: Warden of the Hospital, $3,000 a year; Warden of the Asylum, $1,000; County Agent, $1,200; County Physician, $1,200; Physicians of the Insane Asylum and Poor House, $1,200; two Janitors of the Court House, $20 each a month; Engineer of the Court House, (a contract which does not expire until October 1, 1872) $1,000; Engineer of the Insane Asylum (contract expiring December 15, 1871), $2,600; Engineer of the Hospital (contract expiring June 30, 1872), $2,200.

Commissioner Talcott thought there was little for the board to do, as the Supervisors had entered into contracts which had not yet expired.

SALARIES.

Commissioner Ashton moved that the subject of salaries be referred to the Judiciary Committee, when it is announced.

COUNTY BUILDINGS.

Commissioner Talcott called attention to the necessity of securing a building in which to locate the county offices and courts. Provision had been made by the city for them in the building erecting on the reservoir lot, corner of Adams and LaSalle streets, and he thought that was about the most convenient location that could be secured. He offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a select committee of three members be appointed to inquire and ascertain what, if any, accommodations can be had in the city and County Buildings for the construction of offices and court rooms, for the temporary use of the county, upon the reservoir lot, on the corner of Adams and LaSalle streets.

Resolved, Further, that said committee ascertain and report the number and size of rooms necessary to be constructed for county purposes.

THE HOURS OF MEETING.

Commissioner Harrison moved to reconsider the motion fixing the time of meeting at 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. It was reconsidered; and the motion to meet between the hours of 9 and 5 p. m. was adopted.

THE COUNTY RECORDS.

Commissioner Harrison, from the special committee appointed to examine the places where the county records are now kept, and to report what was considered necessary to protect them in case of fire, made a verbal report. The committee found in the Recorder's office two safes, which are sufficient to hold all the books for the present; but the papers have to be left outside in pigeon holes. There was no safe at all in the County Court room. There was one in the Sheriff's office, but it was not large enough. In no instance was there room enough or capacity to hold the books, much less the papers, which are at the mercy of the elements in case of fire. It was proposed that the offices and courts should remain any length of time in the High School building, a small or safe room should be erected for the use in which the books and papers should be placed every night.

Commissioner Crawford moved that the committee be continued, and be empowered to provide a temporary vault at the least possible expense.

The motion was agreed to.

The Chairman announced as the committee ordered by Commissioner Hitchcock's resolution, Commissioners Hitchcock, Harris, and Stearns.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Commissioner Stearns, the board adjourned until 2 o'clock, in order to give the Chair time to make up the standing committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board met pursuant to adjournment, President White in the chair. There were present Commissioners Ashton, Crawford, Harris, Jones, Roelle, Skelly, Talcott, Herting, Lonergan, Pahlman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Clerk then announced as the standing committees:

Judiciary—Hitchcock, Ashton, and Harris.
Finance—Herting, Harrison, and Talcott.
Education, Charity, and Reformatories—Jones, Stearns.
City Relations—Ashton, Pahlman, and Harris.
Public Buildings—Talcott, Ashton, and Crawford.
Examination of Taxes—Stearns, Lonergan, and Pahlman.
Warehouse and Pumpers—Harris, Herting, and Lonergan.
Hospital—Lonergan, Herting, and Jones.
Miscellaneous Claims—Jones, Talcott, and Roelle.
Jail and Jail Accounts—Skelly, Roelle, and Crawford.
Roads and Bridges—Pahlman, Crawford, and Skelly.
Licenses—Roelle, Harris, and Skelly.
Town and Precinct Accounts—Crawford, Harrison, and Stearns.

THE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The Warden of the County Hospital, S. W. Reynolds, submitted his annual report. There were in the hospital December 1, 1870, 197 patients, and the number of admissions during the year, 1,709; total, 1,815. There were discharged, cured and otherwise, 1,532; the deaths, 139; now remaining in the hospital, 141. Births, 1877; still-born, 7. There were treated at the dispensary 1,877 persons. Of the deaths 17 were moribund on admission, and 12 were Coroner's cases, mostly from railroad injuries, leaving the mortality quite below average compared with hospitals generally. The number of patients this year exceeds that of last year 276. The articles manufactured were as follows: Bed-ticks, 75; pillow ticks, 175; pillow cases, 265; shirts, 236; night gowns, 137; sheets, 240; towels, 90; bed spreads, 97; baby gowns, 81. He had received from sale of tickets to students for clinical lectures, from all other sources, $2,243.10; balance on hand from last year, $74.93. Total, $1,-307.03. He had paid out for all purposes, $1,233.45, leaving a balance on hand of $73.58. The business of the hospital had been considerably under the amount appropriated for hospital purposes. The late calamity had caused an increased demand for hospital accommodations beyond what there is at the present time.

The report was referred to the appropriate committee.

THE COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT.

The County Treasurer submitted the following monthly report, December 4, 1871.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1871	$288,771.67
Receipts	118,446.66
Total	$407,220.73
Expenditures	288,060.67
Balance on hand	29,160.06
Balance on hand Sept 1, with tax	$97,791.47
Disbursements	77,613.36
Balance on hand	$19,589.09
Also following sums as deposit:	
To balance on hand Dec. 31, 1870	$31,241.47
To amount credited Road Fund	1,181,351.47
To amount credited Bridge Fund	
To amount credited Jail Fund	343.25
Cook County Agent	77.50
Cook County Agent	100.00
Cook County Agent, on Public Buildings	1,000.00
Cash W. S. Dixon	11.50
Cash P. A. Cowles, Clerk of Sinking Fund	778.00
Temporary loan	200,000.00
Sale of county orders	400,000.00
Cash Jail Fund	12.50
Thomas O. Osborn	1,160.00
Cash Bridge Fund	1.00
Wm. H. Dixon	40.00
Delinquent tax, 1869	1,181.47
Delinquent tax, 1870	778.25
Delinquent tax, 1871	1,181.47
Town taxes collected	227.75
	1,181.47
Total, with balance on hand	$1,332,756.12
By orders paid	$1,243,666.93
By interest and discounts	34,021.02
To commissions allowed Town Collectors	57,943.19

To amount credited Road Fund 190,713.74
To disbursements as per March report 77,347.35
To disbursements as per June report 197,344.36
To disbursements as per September report 216,248.16
To disbursements as per December report 220,340.07

Total $1,302,346.06

Balance on hand 29,160.06

Road Fund Account.

Balance on hand December 31, 1870 ..... 29,877.75
Amount credited to this fund 130,713.74

Total $160,591.49

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By disbursements per March report $9,419.97
By disbursements per June report 77,347.35
By disbursements per September report 51,746.87
By disbursements per December 72,113.30

Total $171,992.51

Balance on hand $11,399.00

The report was accepted.

CRIMINAL COURT ROOM.

A report was submitted by W. H. Dixon, who had been appointed a special commissioner on carpenter work and repairs of Court House, with instructions to report to the new board. The report stated that it had seemed best to the committee that the Criminal Court should be as near the jail as possible. Therefore rooms had been prepared, with suitable offices adjoining; the work had been accepted and the rooms are now occupied.

Report concurred in.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Talcott moved that the Finance Committee should consist of five members.

Commissioner Hitchcock moved to amend by adding two members to present number, one of whom should be the Chairman of the board, the other to be named by the Chairman.

COUNTY BUILDINGS.

The special committee appointed to confer with the Board of Public Works in regard to rooms suitable for county courts and offices, reported the conference held, and that they had discovered that the board had full authority to furnish rooms. Some rooms would be ready in thirty days suitable for the temporary use of courts and officers in the new building on the reservoir lot. A fire-proof vault was close at hand, and could be used. More permanent quarters can be made ready in May. The committee recommended the occupation of the rooms, the rent to be paid when they should be vacated. The Board of Public Works consenting to put them in readiness as soon as possible. The committee further recommended that the question of more permanent quarters be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The report was concurred in.

The question of salaries was referred to the various appropriate committees.

VISIT TO COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

Commissioner Talcott recommended a visit to the various benevolent institutions of the county that the board might understand them.

It was suggested that all could not be visited in one day.

Monday was proposed as a suitable day.

It was finally concluded that the board should meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the County Hospital.

COUNTY RECORDS.

Commissioner Hartzhorn moved that a committee, consisting of at least five persons, be appointed to confer in regard to the best method of restoring the county records.

Considerable discussion followed, and the motion was withdrawn.

RESIGNATION OF POLICE COMMISSIONER BROWN.

The resignation of Police Commissioner Brown was taken from the table, read by the Clerk, and accepted.

After considerable discussion the question of electing a successor was indefinitely postponed.

The board then adjourned.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

A Portion of Russell's Distillery Blown up and a Man Instantly Killed.

Full Particulars of the Disaster—Coroner's Inquest—Theories Advanced.

An explosion, attended with loss of life and considerable damage to property, took place in Russell's distillery, No. 274 Third avenue, between Taylor and Twelfth streets, about noon yesterday. The building is a frame one, the stills being situated in the rear part. A few minutes before 12 o'clock, the "beer runner" turned on the steam, for the purpose of blowing the swill from one of the chambers into a vat provided for the purpose; but scarcely had he done so, than an explosion occurred. The chambers or tubs, of which there were three, situated one above the other, were sent into the air; boards and pieces of iron flew in all directions, and what was a moment before a substantial building, was rendered almost a total wreck. The northwest corner, or about 35x40 feet, including nearly all in it from the ground to the second floor, was reduced to kindling-wood, portions of the building being thrown a hundred feet away. Large pieces of scantling were blown through the house of a Mr. Anderson, in the rear of No. 272 Third avenue, but no one within was injured. Directly north of the distillery, a ten-foot alley intervening, there is a one-story cottage, in which lives a colored family named Foreman. Mrs. F. and a girl were in the kitchen washing, and, while busily engaged, the roof of the cottage was lifted by the advent of boards, timbers, pieces of iron, swill, and whiskey which rained down upon the little honest people. For a time it was thought the kitchen was penetrated by several rafters, and the stove was struck by a large board and thrown upon a bed in one of the adjoining rooms, but no fire in it did no damage. Mrs. Foreman and the girl imagined an earthquake was in progress, and jumped out of a back window, reaching the ground unhurt.

There were in the distillery seven or eight men, who were employed about the building. When the explosion occurred, all but two escaped unhurt. One or two jumped out of the windows, the others making their way down the stairway, which is in the southern part of the building and was not damaged. The two workmen who did not get out were George Bennett, the "beer runner," and Geo. Ladd, the tub-washer. Both were on the second floor, near a washtub. Bennett, who had charge of the work, having pulled the valve to let on the steam to clear the chambers of refuse. When the report of the explosion was heard by those in the office adjoining the distillery, they immediately rushed out, as they had occasioned it. Perceiving that a portion of the distillery was demolished, they naturally concluded that some one had been killed or injured, and commenced a search among the *debris* for the victims. Bennett and Ladd were found lying on the ground floor, the former being dead, and the latter badly scalded. Both were picked up and carried into the office. In addition to being scalded, Ladd had his left leg broken. Other men, who were also searching for injured persons, found a few feet from the building Bennett's head, ruins on the north side of the building. This had, it is thought, been seized in a wagon filled with corn, which was standing in the alley mentioned awaiting to be unloaded. The driver had left but a moment before the explosion to light his pipe, and thereby avoided being made a victim. The wagon was overturned by the force of the explosion, and Bennett's head fell upon the corn, after being several feet above it. The boy Brogen would was found near the wagon, covered with mash and corn. His face and arms were scalded, but his condition is not at all dangerous. He was removed to his home in the neighborhood, and received medical attention. As soon as the latter nor arrived, Ladd was sent to the County Hospital, and a jury was impanelled to hold an inquest on the body of Bennett. As he was the only person who could explain the cause of the explosion, the coroner's jury had a long investigation to very little. There were two theories advanced, but as one of them was more plausible than the other, and corroborated by circumstances, it was accepted by the jury. As stated, the chambers or tubs were three in number, situated one above the other. Connected with the lowest were two pipes, one fixed to the boiler through which steam passed, and the other running into the swill vat. When the chambers were last cleaned it is supposed that some of the swill remained in the pipe, and, it being uncovered, that the recent cold weather hardened the refuse and effectually choked up the pipe. When Bennett pulled up the "gate," which allowed the steam to enter the lower chamber (this being the way in which the tubs were cleaned or blown out), there was no place for the vapor to escape, and hence the explosion. This theory governed the verdict, which attributed Bennett's death to an accident. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children, who live at No. 77 Taylor street. He had been engaged in the distilling business for fifteen years, and was considered to be a competent man.

The damage done to the building and machinery is not definitely known, as no estimate has been made, but Mr. Russell thinks it will require an expenditure of $15,000 to repair the structure and replace the machinery and tubs destroyed.

From Puget Sound.

Jay Cooke & Co. at their office in Wall street, New York, by way of giving ocular proof of the facts published in their pamphlets, made a display of fruits and cereals, brought from the settlements of Puget Sound, in Washington Territory, and makes the exhibitions at our agricultural fairs seem a joke by comparison. There were apples that weighed two pounds, potatoes that weighed three, and pumpkins over a half pounce; onions that weighed a pound, and a blackberry came fifteen feet long. The wheat exhibited was of fine varieties, of which the average height of stalk was 5 feet 5 inches. Winter wheat averaged 35 bushels to the acre, and was of uniformly large, plump kernels. Norway oats and barley were also on exhibition, and also some Swede turnips, several of which weighed 20 to 24 pounds. These specimens, it should be remembered, were brought from latitude 48° to 49°, while in our Atlantic States the same grains thrive in it did no damage. Mrs. Foreman and the girl imagined an earthquake was in progress, and jumped out of a back window, reaching the ground unhurt.

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A Store for the Wholesale Trade to Rent.

A good brick building, 100 by 80 feet, on the site of the Nevada Hotel, corner of Washington and Franklin streets, will be ready as soon as the present lease will permit. It is intended to have it ready for occupation by the last of May. Tenants of it can be sure of at least one half of the building from May day next, a. m. It is for rent, and will be finished to suit a good responsible tenant, on a five years' lease, if desired.

Boots and Shoes.

G. S. Richardson & Co., No. 54 West Randolph street, are constantly receiving large lines of boots and shoes, the latest and cheapest goods that come to this market. Go and see for yourselves, and you will be convinced that they are not getting the best goods for the least amount of money. Men's and boys' hand-made slip and call boots a specialty.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Resignation of Inspector Barker—Readmissions to the High School—Average Attendance—San Francisco's Donation.

The Cook County Commissioners Requested to Relieve Chicago from the Burden of Supporting the County Normal School.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening, President Runyan in the chair. There were also present the following Inspectors: Quasi, Stone, Tully, Walsh, Goggin, Reynolds, Richberg, Moore, and Hambleton.

RESIGNATION OF INSPECTOR BARKER.

The resignation of Inspector Barker was presented, and referred to the Common Council.

TIME GRANTED.

Inspector Moore, of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported, asking further time, which was granted.

BILLS FOR THE MONTH.

Inspector Hambleton, from the Committee on Finance and Auditing, reported bills amounting to $6,811.20, which were ordered paid.

CANDIDATES FOR READMISSION.

Inspector Goggin, of the Committee on High School, presented the following candidates for re-admission to the High School: Fred. H. Shorlock, first middle, cut from sickness; Ferdinand L. Barrett second middle, left the city after the fire; William Batchelder, badly wounded by a gun-shot; Alice Duffield, whose family left the city after the fire; Sarah O. Chandler and Esther Nelson, burnt out.

The report was adopted.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

Superintendent Pickard presented the summary of attendance for November, showing the average attendance at the various schools to be as follows: High School, 306.9; Normal, 57.8; Scammon, 1042.3; Washington, 907.5; Moseley, 911.1; Brown, 1351.4; Foster, 1231.4; Wells, 2119; Skinner, 1311.9; Haven, 984.1; Cottage Grove, 697; Holden, 1009.4; Holstein, 86.2; Dore, 849.2; Carpenter, 854.6; Mayer, 977.9; Clark, 947.4; Douglas, 1038.5; Elizabeth Street Primary, 813; Rolling Mills, 274.1; Walsh Street, 704.1; Mitchell Street, 830.9; Wentworth Avenue, 797.2; Blue Island Avenue, 29.6; Calumet Avenue, 314.4; Lincoln Street, 913; Third Avenue, 533.3; Sangamon Street, 703.9. Average daily attendance, 29481.7.

The report showed that the average daily attendance in the two West and South Side schools had not materially altered since the fire. The West Division schools had increased 2,000 since the fire. The whole number of children who lost seats in the schools was 10,000, of whom more than one half had found accommodations in other schools. The opening of the Polk Street School developed upon him. Transfers had been made of teachers from the North and South Sides, who had not been regularly appointed there. He wished a boundary established between the Dore, Skinner, and Scammon Schools.

The last matter was referred to the committees on the three schools.

The report was adopted.

DONATIONS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Supt. Pickard said that since the last meeting of the board he had received a dispatch from San Francisco stating that the sum of $3,150 had been collected by the teachers and pupils of that city for the benefit of the destitute teachers and pupils of this city. He had remaining on hand about $1,700. He had disbursed about fifty boxes of second-hand clothing. He believed that the whole cost of distributing the $6,000 already disbursed and what he had on hand would be less than $60.

The report was received, and the thanks of the board tendered to the donors.

COMMITTEES ON THE FOSTER AND POLK STREET SCHOOLS.

The Chair announced the appointment of Inspector Walsh as committee on the Mitchell School and Inspector Goggin on the Polk Street Primary School.

Inspector Walsh moved that the transfer of teachers to the permanent committee. The motion was agreed to.

TEACHERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Inspector Quasi inquired how many teachers were out of employment in the city.

Superintendent Pickard reported that there were now 112 teachers out of employment, and by next or two only 100 would be out of employment. Many of these had accepted positions in other cities.

NO EXTRA TEACHERS.

Inspector Walsh inquired if there were not some extra teachers in any of the schools—more than the rules allowed.

The Superintendent said there were not. The teachers were apportioned on the basis of one teacher to 40 pupils in the grammar department, to 60 pupils in the primary department, and 75 pupils in the High School.

THE COOK COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL.

Inspector Richberg offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Cook County Normal and Training School has been established for the education of teachers alone being over $10,000 annually), to the people of Cook County generally, especially without securing corresponding benefits; and

WHEREAS, The people of Chicago are required to bear a heavier proportion of the burden of the expense of this institution, as per taxable property valuation of Cook County, or of the people in proportion to population of said county, and, as far as the city of Chicago is concerned, it has more had any part of said building, nor have it. If having a normal and training school of its own, with plenty of accommodations for all who may desire to attend; and

WHEREAS, It is entirely unnecessary, as far as the city of Chicago is concerned, to continue said school, and the tax-payers of Chicago should be relieved of all unnecessary taxation and expense; therefore

Resolved, That the Cook County Commissioners be respectfully requested to take such steps as will relieve the city of Chicago from bearing the burden of supporting the Cook County Normal and Training School.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be presented to said Cook County Commissioners.

The resolutions was adopted.

The board then adjourned.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Inhuman Conduct of a Resident of Fourth Avenue—He Permits a Woman to Perish From Cold in His Yard—Coroner's Inquest on the Rem ains.

A case of inhuman conduct, which resulted in the freezing to death of a woman, was brought to the knowledge of the police authorities yesterday morning. About 8 o'clock the body was found lying in a yard in the rear of No. 388 Fourth avenue. Policeman Newland was detailed to look into the matter, and he visited the locality mentioned. He found that the report was correct, and, upon inquiry, learned that one John Betts, in whose yard the body was lying, had seen the woman late on Monday night, and spoken to her, but did not ask her to come into the house. He must, however, have known that if allowed to remain where she was she would be frozen to death, but, as she was under the influence of liquor, he did not order her by his fireside. The door was closed against her, and in the morning her body was found in the same way. The Coroner was notified, and he adduced in the testimony that Betts went out several times during the night to see how the woman was getting along, but failed to take her in, or to notify the police of her whereabouts. The jury returned a verdict of "frozen to death," rendering the conduct of Betts inhuman. His demeanor was a not known. Her appearance indicated that she was about 40 years of age, and very poorly clad. The undertaker took charge of the body, and will bury it in the Potter's Field.

Prompt Payment.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In view of the bitter denunciations of insurance companies, and complaining of delays and illiberality in their adjustment of losses, I consider that justice demands that I should bear testimony to the prompt and honorable dealing with me of the following companies, which paid me with promptness the full sum of their respective policies:

Liverpool, London and Globe	$12,000
Home Insurance Company, of New York	12,000
Howard Insurance Company, of New York	3,000
Underwriters' Agency, of New York	7,000
Continental, of New York	12,000
North British and Mercantile	8,000
Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia	12,000
Phoenix Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.	12,000
Ætna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.	12,000
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.	8,000

I gladly recommend these companies as deserving the confidence of the public.

ISAAC H. BURCH.

Of Interest to School Teachers.

SCHOOL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, }
KENTLAND, Newton Co., Ind., Dec. 2. }

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I have been informed that about 150 teachers were thrown out of employment by the burning of the school buildings in your city. If such is the case, and if any of those teachers would like employment in country schools during the winter, I can find employment for about fifteen in this and adjoining counties. Perhaps such employment may be a relief to them, and it will certainly be an accommodation to us. The compensation we can offer is low, but it is the best that can be made at present. It is from $20 to $25 per month. Boarding, however, is proportionately low—from $3 to $3.50 per week.

If you will be kind enough to give this note a place in your paper, I will attend to any correspondence from teachers, and do all I can to secure them situations. Address JOHN B. SMITH, School Examiner, Newton Co., Ind.

Occidental Insurance Company.

The following telegram was received at the agency office of the Occidental Insurance Company in this city to-day:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2, 1871

A. G. Stiles, Esq., care A. G. Cornelsonn, No. 85 West Madison street:

Doing no business; entire assessment delinquent to-day; nobody pays; won't do so; without doubt will have to liquidate. Shall discontinue.

IRA P. RANKE, Acting President.
B. ROTHSCHILD, Secretary.

The Burnt District.

James Egan having rebuilt his wholesale liquor house and sample room, will reopen at No. 126 and 128 Madison street, on Thursday, December 7, and will celebrate the laying of the first brick toward rebuilding the burnt district. Friends are invited to participate.

Glass and Granite Ware.

A large stock at the Red Front Auction House; must be sold this morning. Also, six new buggies will be sold to make room for the large amount of goods constantly arriving, to be sold at auction by Wm. A. Butters & Co.

A Half Million in Greenbacks.

This sum, and something more, in money, is to be distributed to the purchasers of tickets to the gift concert, to be given at Louisville, on the 15th inst., for the benefit of the Public Library of Kentucky. The time is very near, but the general impression seems to be that every ticket will be sold before it arrives. The concert will be given under the auspices of the State Legislature, and conducted and supervised by a number of the most influential citizens, strangers to each other, which otherwise could not be procured. The $500,000 gift will certainly be accompanied by the fortunate distributions, and even the other gifts will be gratefully received. For particulars see advertisement in another column.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. Parsons, Dispensing Chemist and Perfumer, has re-opened at 59 Wabash avenue, with an entirely new stock of fine Toilet Articles, Drugs, Perfumes, Eau de Cologne, &c., &c. Prescription book saved from the fire.

Hazard & Chevrolly Cod Liver Oil is the purest, cheapest, and best in the world. Physicians have decided it superior to any other Cod Liver Oil in the market. Patients who have once taken it one time no other.

$150,000 in 2,000 cash prizes—Highest prize $50,000 gold coin, to be distributed locally by the Public Library of Ky., in aid of the Kentucky Hospital, Quasko, Noble'ville, Patton & Gardiner, Managers. Tickets $5 each, or two for $9.

The Sherman House corridor is the superiority and uniformity of Burnett's Superior Flavoring Extracts. Sold everywhere.

Spotted Like Dominoes.—The teeth soon become speckled if every defilement is not removed from them every (sixty-four hours. To remove the unsightly stain is nothing like Sozodont. It literally renders the enamel impervious and indestructible.

Harris & Shaw are selling ladies' and children's furs very low. Harris, formerly with Bishop & Barnes.

Do not let your prejudice stand between your suffering child and the relief that will be absolutely sure to follow the use of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

MARRIED.

SEAVER—McCORD—On the 30 inst., by Rev. H. W. Thomas, D. D., Mr. John N. Seaver and Miss Harriet M. McCord; both of this city.

COURTIN—HEDGLAN—On the 1st inst., by Rev. James Harrison, Mr. Alfred L. Courtis and Miss Dora Hedglan; both of Chicago.

DIED.

GOEBEL—At Evanston, Ill., at the residence of his brother John Goebel, Frederick Goebel, of Chicago, formerly of Utica, N. Y., aged 25 years.

Funeral from the residence of his brother at 4 o'clock p. m., to-day.

Body will be taken to Utica, N. Y., for interment.

☞ Utica papers please copy.

WHITE—On Saturday morning, at 5 o'clock, William, eldest son of William White, Esq., of Edinburgh, Scotland.

☞ Scottish-American please copy.

HOFFMAN—In the parlor of her son at Maplewood, of congestion of the brain, Mrs. M. M. Hoffman, in the 56th year of her age.

AMUSEMENTS.

WEST SIDE OPERA HOUSE,
MANAGER.....S. MYERS

Arlington's Minstrels!

First Week of Wm. Dwyer, Charley Smith, and Frank Dumont.

Change of programme. Arlington's Challenge Express; Five Hundred Pounds; Mary Ann Sprowle; Performances Monday and Saturday Matinee. Prices, 75 and 50 cents; Matinee, 50 and 25 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

GLOBE THEATRE.

Colonel Wood's Museum Company at the Globe.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS OF

DIVORCE!

The best play ever presented in Chicago.

MATINEE—Wednesday and Saturday, At 2 o'clock precisely.

MICHIGAN-AV. THEATRE.

Thirteenth-st. and Michigan-av.

WYNDHAM COMEDY COMPANY.

Last Three Nights of PROGRESS,

To coincide with the amusing farce of

THE GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN EGG.

On Thursday next will be produced Robertson's

"SCHOOL."

TO RENT.

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CENTRAL HALL.
Cor. Wabash-av. and Twenty-second-st.

This spacious and elegant Hall, the largest, best ventilated and most centrally located of any at present in this city, will be finished to suit tenant. The Gallery it will seat 1,100 persons.

Managers of first-class attractions, who intend to visit Chicago during this winter, can now secure the beautiful Hall on favorable terms. For further information, apply to

JOHN T. APPLEBERG,
Office Central Hall, Cor. Wabash-av. and Twenty-Second-st

AUCTION SALES.

BY WM. A. BUTTERS & CO.

500 PACKAGES

GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE.

Invoice of Table Cutlery,
Invoice of Shelf Hardware,
Invoice of Silver Plated Ware,

AT AUCTION,

On WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, at 9 1-2 o'clock,

At the Red Front Salesroom.
WM. A. BUTTERS & CO., Auctioneers.

75 boxes Window Glass

AT AUCTION,

on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, at 10 o'clock, at the Red Front Salesroom. W. A. BUTTERS & CO., Aucts.

DRY GOODS,

Ready-Made Clothing, Woollens, Shirts and Drawers, Hosiery, Gloves, Gauntlets, Notions, &c.,

AT AUCTION,

On THURSDAY, Dec. 7, at 9 1-2 o'clock,

at the Red Front Salesroom.
WM. A. BUTTERS & CO., Auctioneers.

AUCTION.

JONN A. ELISON,

(Late of WM. A. BUTTERS & CO.)

Has taken an office for the present at No. 180 Wabash-av., corner of Monroe-st., where he will attend to sales of Real Estate, Furniture at houses, and all kinds of out door sales. JOHN A. ELISON, Auctioneer.

LOST AND FOUND.

BOY MISSING—MY SON, 14 YEARS OLD PAST, left home on November 12; any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by himself, living at Reynolds' Stations, White County, Ind.; or, if the boy is with me, Mr. S. A. JESS, 72 South Halsted-st., Chicago, he will receive aid to come home. THOS. T. HAINES.

LOST—$25 REWARD—A LADY'S POCKET BOOK, containing $86.50, and veil, was dropped from a lady's muff, Tuesday, about 7 p. m., going west on north side of Madison, between LaSalle and Wells-sts., and north to Warren-av. The reward will be promptly paid on leaving it at Tribune office.

LOST—ON FRIDAY LAST, A WALKING STICK with "J. Mason" engraved on silver plate on head of stick. Its return to 180 Wells-st. will leave the same with JOHN BAIRD, 634 Hubbard-st.

LOST—ON MONDAY, DEC. 3, SUPPOSED IN A horse car, a red poplin overskirt. Finder will please leave it at Tribune office and receive suitable reward.

LOST—ON MONDAY EVENING OF THE 27th ult., a fire, front or gray, corner of Twelfth and Halsted-sts., a tin box marked "A. McCoy," the property of Amasa McCoy, lately of Crosby's Opera House. Containing nothing of value except to the owner. The finder will be liberally rewarded, and no questions asked, by leaving the same at the office of the Tribune, No. 15 Canal-st. Owner can be addressed at Rockford Ill.

LOST—A MINK MUFF, SUNDAY EVENING, Nov. 26, about dusk, nearly opposite 1025 Wabash-av. The finder will be suitably rewarded if he will leave the same at my office, East High School Building, West Monroe-st. J. WOODBRIDGE.

LOST—A BLACK-HAIRED, ENGLISH SHEEP-herd dog; white fore feet; yellow head legs; white breast, and spot on back of neck; distinct yellow spots over eyes; answers to the name of "Watch." Any one finding him, will please return to 324 West Washington-st., corner of Ann.

LOST—AT THE C. B. & Q. RAILROAD DEPOT, in Chicago, or on the train leaving at 1:45 p. m., a gold watch and chain marked "M. A. Ayer," Any finding the same, and returning it to H. F. JEWETT & SON, 96 Wabash-av., will be liberally rewarded.

LOST—FROM THE FRONT OF THE SHERman House, on Monday night, a small black terrier, cut a little knee-sprung, with a black top buggy; had a blanket marked "Sherman House." Please return to 137 Twenty-second-st., SHAW'S Photograph Rooms.

STRAYED—ON DEC. 5, FROM SOAN-AV., NEAR the American Bridge works, a white cow, with short horns; left one had been sawed off. Any one having seen her will please notify the undersigned. Liberal reward for her recovery. M. O'LAUNES.

STOLEN—FROM 112 MADISON-ST.—DARK brown pony, 12 hands high; large sore on right hind quarter; star in forehead. Information laid at 192 West Van Buren-st. will be paid for.

TAKEN UP—A DARK RED COW, ON NOV. 29. Apply at 365 Mrs. WEBB'S, Lincoln-av.

$10 REWARD—ANY ONE FINDING A MAL-leable steel, the mark of a Boyd, Arch Mouse, with the name of "Henry H. Scobie, Mountain City, Tenn.," on and engraved on it, and leaving it at 107 Market, No. 200 State-st., will receive the above reward.

FINANCIAL.

LOANS NEGOTIATED; REAL ESTATE AND collaterals bought and sold; loans on warehouse receipts. D. A. LAKE, 24 South Clinton-st.

MONEY TO LOAN—ON WAREHOUSE RECeipts, and other good collaterals, at 10 and 12 per cent, and on real estate at lower rates. Money disbursed. G. S. HUBBARD, Jr., 70 South Clark-st.

TO LOAN—MONEY ON FURNITURE, WAREhouse receipts, watches, diamonds, and other collaterals. LAB. S. STUDLEY.

$1,000 TO LOAN ON CHICAGO CITY property. READ & COE, 79 West Madison-st.

CLAIRVOYANTS.

DR. MATHEW AND MADAM MAYNARD CAN be found at 163 Jackson-st., between Clark and Dearborn-sts., for a few days only. Will tell the truth about anything you want to know; cures all diseases, or no pay. 163 West Jackson-st.

MME. MILSON, NATURAL CLAIRVOYANT Parlors, 20 South State-st. Gents not admitted.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY AND BASEMENT brick house on Indiana-av.; cost $7,000; lot 25x100 feet; a great bargain. H. WHITTLE, Room 3, 74 Canal-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—FIRST-CLASS

THE ARCHITECT'S OPINIONS OF THE FIRE.

The Effects of the Great Fire on Building Materials, and Some of its Lessons to the Architectural Profession.

Address Delivered at the Fifth Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects, by P. B. Wight.

The Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects was held at Boston on 16th and 18th of last month. Among the addresses and papers of special interest to the architectural profession, the following address was one of which we have just received a report, and which we are the first to publish, was delivered by Mr. P. B. Wight, of New York, but hereafter to be a resident architect in Chicago. Being called upon by the Chairman for some remarks on the subject of the great fire, Mr. Wight replied as follows:

He was not under special preparation to say anything on that subject; had left the fortunate city of Chicago three weeks after the fire, and if he had met gentlemen in this room have probably known very much more about it than he did. During this visit, of short duration, my attention was almost entirely occupying out of business, though it would be very unpleasant to the notice of the Institute, the discussion of which might guide us in future legislation. Thus only while sitting here had sent down some headings in order to be called on, as was intimated, to make remarks upon the effects of the great conflagration. He regretted this want of preparation as he hoped to be able to read a discussion of my previous remarks on the Construction (already published by the Institute), which might have incidentally some important event. As it is, he has nothing more than to make some facts which I noted.

BRICK.

The brick used in this city is of two kinds—the red brick and the Milwaukee brick; the buff brick being known as "common." As between these two that the white brick endured the fire better than the colored brick, and there was a near approach to fire-brick; in no way in many instances under the

Before attempt to give any account of the fire it is necessary to know that nearly the whole city, with the exception of the valuable part of it, was constructed,—partly because the walls of were uncommonly thin in proportion to the height, and greatly, as I believe, they were generally built with soft It is common there for builders to put them inside of the walls; which do not seem to be able to prevent the fire, or two dwellings adjoining. I noticed in the ruins, especially of the brick buildings, whether of brick, and sometimes yellow. Probably, this is to the presence of coal in the fire, because no water was used, perhaps but the bricks were fiercely heated. I noticed that where the bricks were fiercely heated, they crumbled away, and in the intensity of the heat. Some of the walls burned,—if you can say so of a wall,—in common use of the stones, not broken as they fell. I also seemed to have been rounded and fused together, as in the case of the burning almost total destruction; and walls, instead of being overbaked and burned, as was often the case.

STONE.

Most of the heat upon stone was about the same as upon brick, though in principle were cracked in every direction, so that, particularly in the upper part, these twelve-inch walls seemed to be warped and twisted by the effect of the heat, and showing that the brick wall itself did not stand the test given by the combustible material in that building,—that is, the goods, and furniture contained in it. They were not heavy enough.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE FROM WITHOUT.

With reference to the Post Office, I would like to say this, and put it on record. I had the fortune to witness the erection of a considerable portion of that building. I was then impressed with the idea that it was one of the best fire-proof buildings in the country, and I think so still; and proved that the building would have been preserved with all its contents, if the window-shutters had been closed, and kept closed, at the time of the fire. The experience of this building pointed to the very great importance of having good strong window-shutters; no matter how they are made so long as they are strong enough; make them double, or trebis, or quadruple, with air-spaces between; but, by all means, keep out the fire from neighboring buildings, even if you have nothing in your own house to burn. It is shown that every fire-proof building should have fire-proof shutters on every window, whether on the front or on the rear. It is the habit with us to put them on the rear, and very often to leave them off the front. We say, "Our building is fire-proof; there is nothing in it to burn. But there is something in it to burn; and the very books, and papers, and furniture, and carpets used have proved—as in some of these buildings in Chicago—sufficient to soften an iron beam and destroy the best constructed floors. This experience also points to another fact, which I will not dwell upon, because it should be treated at greater length, and with great ear; it is as to the use made of fire-proof buildings and the purposes for which it is practicable to erect them. The fault in the construction of the Post Office was, that the first story was one open room, containing iron columns, upon which to amply strong for the support of heavy girders, and brick walls, and the partitions above them. The articles used in the Post Office, the desks and sorting tables, and all the apparatus used for the business, brought together a great amount of combustible material, and, when the fire reached this, it destroyed those columns utterly, and, with them, the entire internal structure. This fact, as it possess tell me, a very short time after the fire commenced in the building. What more than this can show the importance of running brick partition-walls to the ground, and avoiding columns except where they support only girders and floors? I believe that a building whose floors are trussed from wall to wall with very heavy trusses, built into some fire-proof material would be stronger than one whose floors are supported on iron columns, even though they may be close together, and of undoubted strength for ordinary purposes.

Of course this fire was no ordinary experience; it raged with an intensity heretofore unknown, and it is hardly possible that such an event can happen again. It is not probable for it to happen in a city like New York or Boston. Yet I think that we cannot be too careful in providing for emergencies of all kinds; and, as we construct floors and columns to stand a theoretical weight much greater than the weight which they are actually to carry, I think that we should use just the same caution in the construction of fire-proof buildings, and not make them just good enough to stand what they are intended to stand, but to make them much better than we will make assurance doubly sure in that respect.

IMPORTANCE OF FIRE-PROOF ROOFS.

The fire in Chicago showed the necessity of better roof protection, and I think this is one of the most important problems for the modern architect to solve. I believe it has been introduced into the New York Chapter as a special subject for discussion this winter. It is well that it should be, for it is more properly a subject for discussion in the Chapters than in the Institute. The roofs in Chicago were, perhaps, the most insecure parts of these buildings. Very many of them were covered with tar and gravel roofing, which, it is said, assisted in the extension of the fire. The progress of the flame was such, according to the testimony which I have gathered, as to make the roof the vulnerable part of the building. The current of the wind, as in all hurricanes, was downward, at an angle of about thirty degrees. All seemed to concur in this opinion. Of course, the immense heat produced over a large surface of burning buildings caused a rising current. The rising current of air came against this falling wind, and, as it took strength in rising against this wind, a fresh current of wind struck it above, and it turned over and impinged directly on the tops of houses. People who stood and looked at those buildings say the fire ran down, as it would go through a hole, right through the roofs of buildings; and people going along the street were overtaken by this downward current, which was so violent that, in some cases, it burned the hats off their heads. Of course, these were not frequent instances; but one man put an overcoat over his head and ran between two buildings, and the current pinned him against the side of a building. He was held there some time, until at last the current changed, and he ran for his life. He saved it, but lost his overcoat and the greater part of his hair. This shows you that, in a great fire, fanned by a hurricane, the current of heated air comes directly down on the tops of buildings, rather than communicating from house to house. It shows the great importance of making the roof the best part of the building. [Applause.]

The address elicited a long and interesting discussion on the part of members of the institute, and other architects who were present; but we cannot give space for a report of them.

Conversion of a Hungarian Archbishop to the Doctrine of Infallibility.

A great sensation has been produced in Hungary, (the *Eastern Budget* says,) by the conversion of Dr. Haynald, the Archbishop of Kalocsa, to the doctrine of infallibility. In the Œcumenical Council Dr. Haynald was the warmest opponent of that doctrine, and it was chiefly owing to his energetic condemnation of it that the Hungarian Bishops were up to the last in the ranks of the opposition. Dr. Haynald also enjoys a considerable reputation in Hungary as a patriot and statesman. Notwithstanding all this, he declared the other day, before the clergy of his diocese that he had determined to accept the doctrine of infallibility, and the clergy then announced that they would thenceforward teach the doctrine as a religious dogma. Dr. Haynald prefaced his declaration by a long speech, in which he said that since the last meeting important events have occurred which affect the interests of the Church and of all Roman Catholics. One of these was the great war in which "a noble Catholic nation had been overthrown by a power which supports Protestantism, whereby the distribution of power between the Catholic and non-Catholic Governments has been altered." This event may, sooner or later, have an effect on the Catholic Church in Hungary as in other countries. Another circumstance which has even a more vital interest to the Catholics of Hungary is, he said, the "lawless violence" with which the Italian Kingdom has wrested from the Pope his temporal power. Finally, the doctrine of infallibility hastled to an opposition, especially in Germany, which endangers the unity of the Roman Catholic Church. He consequently considers it the duty of every Catholic—whatever his individual conviction may be—to accept the doctrine of infallibility, as the Bishops of the whole of the Catholic world with scarcely an exception, have accepted it. He has notified his submission in Rome, and he orders the resolutions of the Vatican to be taught and accepted as Catholic doctrine.

OBITUARY.

The Hon. John Bigler.

From the New York Herald, Dec. 2.

Hon. John Bigler, ex-Governor of the State of California, died in Sacramento on Thursday. He was 67 years of age.

John Bigler was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of January, 1804, and was the oldest of twelve children, ten of whom were living some few years since. In the year 1816, a short time after the close of the war with England, in which he father had taken an active part, the family moved west of the Alleghany Mountains, to the county of Mercer, then very sparsely populated, and settled upon a piece of wild land, four miles distant from any neighbor. The father died in the fall of the year 1818, leaving his widow and twelve children, most of the children too young to be of material assistance to the older brothers, John and William, afterward Governors of two great States—Pennsylvania and California. The whole burden rested on John as his brother William, who not only labored diligently upon the farm at home, but worked out by the day and month to acquire means to maintain and educate the younger members of the house-hold. In the year 1831 John bound himself, with the consent of his brother, an apprentice to the printing business, in the town of Mercer, where he remained about one year, and then left for the city of Pittsburgh, where he closed his apprenticeship. In the fall of the year 1825 John left Pittsburgh for Harrisburgh, where he was employed by Murray & Cameron as a journeyman printer. During the time that he was engaged in this office, he spent the nights and spare hours in reading law, under the direction of Mr. Krouse. In the summer of 1826, at the earnest solicitation of his uncle, Judge Dock, and General Philip Barnet, leading Democrats, he was induced to take charge of the *Lycoming County Democrat*, which he continued to publish until after the first election of General Jackson. In this contest he took an active and effective part, and was chosen a member of the Legislature. He married in the spring of 1829, and soon after, in company with his father-in-law, removed to Ohio, and served one year as Secretary of the Canal Board. After the election of General Jackson he was tendered a position in the Post Office Department under Mr. Kendall, which he filled about one year, and then resigned and returned to Pittsburgh, where he took an active part in political affairs. It is a circumstance known to Pennsylvanians that Governor Bigler was the first public man in the State that took position in favor of the annexation of Texas, and in the public meetings at Pittsburgh, where all the resolutions in favor of annexation were offered and advocated by him, he stood almost alone. After the election of President Polk, at the instance of Democratic friends, he took charge of the *Daily Morning Post*, which he edited with marked ability for more than a year; but the concern proved unprofitable, and he was compelled to dispose of the establishment at considerable loss.

While engaged in editing he prosecuted his law studies, and was admitted to the bar in the summer of 1826. In the fall of that year he removed to Brown County, Ill., where he established a Democratic paper, and was soon elected Commissioner in Chancery. In the spring of 1829, after well authenticated statements had been received of the discovery of gold, Governor Bigler determined to remove with his family to California. He left his home in Illinois in the month of April, 1849, crossed the Mississippi River at Warsaw, and reached St. Joseph, on the Missouri River about the 1st of May. On the 9th of May he passed the Missouri River, driving four yoke of oxen, on his way for the land of gold.

After his arrival in Sacramento, where he had a child died, Mr. Bigler hired a house, where he lay four weeks with inflammatory rheumatism unable to move. As soon as he recovered he removed to the neighborhood of the Horse Market, and, being totally destitute, performed labor of every kind that offered, so as to obtain means for the support of his family. For a time he was engaged in hauling wood to the city and selling it; then assisted his wife and daughter in making bedspreads for Colonel Henry. Afterward he was employed by an auctioneer on the corner of Front and J street in removing boxes and barrels, to suit customers at his sales. He also aided on several occasions in unloading the steamboats.

Governor Bigler's career may be summed up thus: He closed his apprenticeship as a "printer boy" in 1827, edited a paper in Pennsylvania in 1828, '29, '30, and '31; was a resident of Illinois from 1846 to 1849; moved to California with his family in 1849, driving his own "ox team;" was twice a member and twice the Speaker of the California General Assembly, and was twice elected Governor of California, and nominated for re-election the third time.

Governor Bigler has enjoyed an easy and comparatively calm course of life during a number of years past.

The Earl of Chesterfield.

A cable telegram from London informs us that the Earl of Chesterfield died in the English metropolis December 1. He was carried off by typhus fever. George Philip Cecil Arthur Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield, was the only son of George Augustus, the sixth Earl of the same title, by his wife Anne Elizabeth, daughter of the Cecil Weld, first Lord Forester. The Peer who has just died was born on the 6th of September, in the year 1831. He was 40 years of age. He was educated in Eton, and succeeded to the title in the year 1866. Lord Chesterfield held the commission of Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards (blue) a few years since. He represented South Notts in the House of Commons from 1857 to 1866. He was a Justice of the Peace of Notts, Hereditary Governor of Repton School, Captain of the South Notts Yeomanry Cavalry, and patron of ten benefices. He lived at Bretby Hall. Established Church of England. Lord Chesterfield descended from a common ancestor with the Earl of Harrington and Earl Stanhope. He was unmarried. The Stanhope family comes from the north of England, and dates in importance from the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I.

The heir to the title is George Philip Stanhope, his cousin, the only son of the late Captain Charles Stanhope by his wife Jane, daughter of Sir James Galbraith Baronet. This gentleman succeeded to the title in the year 1832. He has served in the army as Lieutenant in the Twenty-ninth Regiment of British Infantry.

W. D. Wallach.

From the Washington Star, Dec. 1.

A telegram received this morning conveys the painful intelligence of the death, at Culpepper, Va., of William Douglass Wallach, the founder of this paper.

Mr. Wallach was about 59 years of age, having been born in 1812. His father, Richard Wallach, was a prominent lawyer of Washington in former years, and was held in great esteem for his high character and professional ability. He died in 1835. The mother of the deceased was a daughter of Colonel Chas. Simms, an officer on the staff of General Washington during the Revolutionary war, and one of the witnesses to his will, as well as a pall bearer at his funeral. Mr. Wallach received his education at Columbian College, and commenced life as a civil engineer when he was about 20 years of age, being first employed on some of the early railroads in Massachusetts, and later on some of the Virginia roads. When he was about 26 years of age he went to Texas, before that State was admitted into the Union, where he published the Matagorda *Gazette* for some years, and, after the the admission of Texas into the Union, he returned to this city, where he was actively engaged for a considerable time as a correspondent for several Northern journals, and also contributed to several magazines, among others to the *Democratic Review*, then in its palmy days. Subsequently he was associated with "Father Ritchie" in the editorship of the Washington *Union*.

In 1852, Mr. Wallach, in connection with W. H. Hope, purchased the *Evening Star* from Col. Jos. E. Tate, who had started the paper about nine months previously. The *Star*, in the capable hands of Mr. Wallach,—indefatigable as a news-gatherer, and of remarkable fluency as a writer,—soon entered upon the career of prosperity it has since maintained. After some months' association with Mr. Hope, Mr. Wallach purchased the interest of Hope in the paper, and from that time he remained the sole proprietor of the paper until its purchase by the present proprietors in October, 1867. He rightly held when he relinquished journalism that twenty-nine years of incessant labor in connection with the press gave him the privilege of taking some rest. But his abundant vitality and wonderful energy could not allow him to take rest in the ordinary sense, and found exercise in the purchase and management of extensive tracts of real estate, mainly in Virginia.

Society in Sing Sing Prison—How the Author of the "Trunk Tragedy" is Regarded.

From the New York Herald, Nov. 28.

The infamous Rosenweig actually reared under the shadow of our churches in the "City of Charities," the fabric of a handsome fortune on the dying wails of tortured women, and the murdered bodies of their offspring. As this person possesses a goodly supply of the "sinews of war," it is not surprising that, under the existing management of the prison, he succeeded by having himself placed among a gang of pretended invalids, who are only expected to perform a nominal amount of exceedingly light duty. This was too great an outrage on the hitherto high-toned (?) composition of the "sickly squad" indicated, and not many days ago a stentorian, thundering convention "of the gang was held, at which [illegible] and stood out in the vestibule waiting for them to conclude. When all was over, some of his own misguided friends started for the street, but the latter had almost to ascertain how it felt to attend a funeral at which a William P. Mooney officiated in the capacity of a corpse. He arrived when the services were concluded,

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SECRETARY BOUTWELL'S REPORT.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report, conveys to the country the gratifying assurance that he is not invulnerable as against public opinion, and that he can be moved to abandon or modify strong prejudices and repeatedly-expressed convictions. He recommends a reduction of taxation, under both the Tariff and the Internal Revenue laws. The Secretary is but fresh from a personal struggle with Mr. Pleasonton, the former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, as to the repeal of the income tax, and now he recommends the repeal, not only of that tax, but of all other internal taxes, except those on spirits, tobacco, stamps, and malt liquors. From these four objects of taxation the Secretary admits he can collect revenue enough to pay the interest on the public debt.

The recommendation of the Secretary as to reductions in the tariff, though not as liberal as the country desires, will be gratefully accepted, and especially because it is an official confession by the Secretary that the cost of production in this country is inordinately increased by the tariff, without producing any corresponding revenue. The Secretary proposes that the tax on coal be reduced from $1.25 per ton to 50 cents per ton, and that the tax on salt be reduced one-half; that the present duty of 10 per cent on raw hides and skins be reduced; and he advises the removal of all duties from a class of articles which enter into the arts and manufactures, the revenue from which is inconsiderable. The Secretary declares that if these duties be repealed, with the reduction of the tax on coal, the change will so reduce the cost of production of American manufactures that a corresponding reduction may be had in the duties on the same line of imported goods.

The Secretary does not include in the list of articles needed by our manufacturers the great raw material, pig iron, which, more than any other, swells the cost of the production of every branch of manufactures, and which increases the cost of transportation. But he states the all-important fact that the revenue from pig iron since the reduction of the duty has nearly doubled, and he might have added that a reduction of the duty to $3 per ton would be followed by an increase of revenue from that article to an amount unprecedented in the history of this country. The reduction, small as it was, was a great relief to our manufacturers, and served to increase the revenue.

The Secretary has also made an advance step in the direction of specie resumption. He advises further efforts to bring the national currency to par with coin. He considers the amount in circulation greater than is needed for the wants of trade and commerce. He advises a reduction of the volume, or that this currency take the place of coin in the Pacific States. Another course is to wait until the commercial wants of the country grow to the point of needing the present amount of currency. The point in the Secretary's suggestions which will receive most commendation is, that he advises the earliest return to specie payments, and the consequent restoration of the national credit to par.

The Secretary's explanation and special pleading concerning the extraordinary operations with the Syndicate will not satisfy the country. Official disregard of law cannot be justified by saying that no harm came of it. The evil of such a proceeding cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The law expressly prohibited the Secretary from increasing the bonded debt; he increased it $130,000,000 for three months, paying interest on the increase at the rate of 5 per cent. It is no justification of such an act to say that, had the money been paid over to the United States, it would have remained in the government depositories idle and unproductive. Had the money been paid, the Secretary could have found means to use it. As the fact was, the Syndicate received on the $130,000,000 6 per cent on the bonds surrendered, and 5 per cent on the bonds received in exchange. This fact cannot be suppressed, nor its illegality covered up in fulsome congratulations that the country has accomplished such a wonderful job as that. Even admitting that the loss of money was but the comparatively insignificant sum of 5 per cent for three months on one hundred and thirty millions of dollars, the precedent is the most dangerous usurpation ever practised or attempted under our government. If the Secretary could increase the debt $130,000,000, by duplicating the outstanding interest-bearing bonds to that sum, why not to $500,000,000, or to any other sum? And if he could pay interest on these duplicate bonds for three months, why not for three years? Once admit that the Secretary of the Treasury may disregard the prohibitions of law, and issue bonds in duplicate, both bearing interest, even for one day, and what is to restrain him, either as to the amount of the over-issue, or the length of time for which he may pay double interest? From this act it is but one step further to sell bonds in duplicate without any limitation of interest. Robert Schuyler, who was the first to make an over-issue of bonds, would probably have resorted to the expedient of the Secretary of the Treasury had he thought of it. He, it is true, acted corruptly, while the Secretary shared none of the profits of the transaction; but the usurpation of authority and violation of law are alike in both cases. Congress owes it to the country to declare that this act of the Secretary of the Treasury shall not pass into a precedent,—to be followed by other Secretaries, even less scrupulous, acting in collusion with combinations of brokers and gamblers in the national credit.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Ways and Means of the Forty-second Congress consists of:

Messrs. Dawes, of Massachusetts; Maynard, of Tennessee; Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Brooks, of New York; Burchard, of Illinois; Finckelburg, of Missouri; Roberts, of New York; Kerr, of Indiana; Beck, of Kentucky.

Three of these are Protectionists (Maynard, Kelley, and Roberts); three are Revenue Reform Republicans (Dawes, Burchard, and Finckelnburg); and three are Democrats (Brooks, Kerr, and Beck). The committee, as a whole, is a strong one, and is fairly representative of the House. Of the Republican members of the body, rather more than one-half voted for the bills repealing the duties on coal and salt at the last session, Mr. Dawes being of the number. The Democrats constitute about one-third of the House, and the Protectionists, of the Kelley and Maynard school, make up the remainder. The complexion of the committee is not only representative of the House, but of the country also. The Speaker has recognized, even more fully than the Secretary of the Treasury, that the people demand relief from the grinding taxation imposed upon them during the past ten years for the benefit of special classes and special branches of business.

The principal changes made in the committee from that of last year are the substitution of Mr. Dawes for Mr. Hooper, of Massachusetts; Mr. Burchard, of Illinois, for Mr. Blair, of Michigan; Mr. Kerr, of Indiana, for Mr. Marshall, of Illinois; and Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, for Mr. Niblack, of Indiana. Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, and Mr. Allison, of Iowa, members of the committee in the last House, are not members of the present Congress.

It is stated that Mr. Dawes is not particularly well pleased with his promotion to the Chairmanship of the Ways and Means. Probably he finds himself representing a large number of little woollen mills whose views on the tariff question are not altogether in harmony with his own. There are many odious features of the tariff, however, by repealing which he can serve them and the country, and do no violence to his own convictions. For instance, he can repeal the Wool Tariff bill of 1867, for which he voted under duress and with the greatest reluctance, as he indicated at the time. Let him understand that there is no considerable number of men in the West who care a button about the tariff on wool; that, of those who combined in 1866 to procure its enactment, the larger number have since slaughtered their sheep for the pelts and tallow; and that the remainder are a mere handful, who make up in noise and impudence what they lack in numerical strength. Neither Mr. Dawes nor any other member will incur any risk in voting to repeal that iniquitous and graceless measure, which has been fraught with nothing but evil from the day of its passage to the present time.

THE PRESIDENT ON AMNESTY.

The President's Annual Message will be received with general satisfaction by the public, for this reason, if for no other: that it denotes marked progress in the mind of the Executive on several of the most important subjects pertaining to our national affairs. The President's recommendations on the subject of Civil Service Reform, for example, contrast very favorably with his policy in this regard hitherto, as manifested in his tacit acceptance of the established false theories and practices by which offices have of late been served out as rations by party leaders to their supporters. Upon the subject of the tariff, also, we find the President advanced to a point whence he seems able to discern, though as yet but faintly, the outlines of the principles of Revenue Reform. To these more forward positions the Executive has evidently been urged by the pressure of popular opinion, as enunciated through the press, through public meetings, and such other channels as a Chief Magistrate will always watch well, if he be solicitous only for the popular welfare, and willing to take the people's own opinion as to what constitutes the people's good. Such a willingness General Grant avowed in his earliest communications with the people, after being named for the Presidency; and this message seems, in most respects, to make good that avowal.

In no respect is the progress of the President toward the grand alignment of public opinion more noticeable than in his recommendations concerning the policy of the government toward the Southern States. The President seems now first to have become awake to the fact that several "years have elapsed since the last hostile gun was fired between the armies" of the two sections of the Union, and that, in view of this fact, "it may well be considered whether it is not now time that the disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment should not be removed." The President continues, in words worthy of all commendation:

> When the purity of the ballot is secure, majorities are sure to reflect the honest opinion of the majority. I do not see the advantage or propriety of excluding men from office because they once took an oath to support the Constitution, of standing and character sufficient to be elected to positions requiring them to take a similar oath, support it subsequently, and admitting the eligibility of these entertaining precisely the same views as the latter but standing in their second term. It may be said that the former violated an oath, while the latter did not. The latter did not have the power to do so. If they had taken this oath, it cannot be doubted that they have broken it, as did the former class.

For Jeff Davis and a few others of the most notorious rebels the President provides by the remark that, "if there are any grand criminals distinguished above all others for the part they took in opposition to the government, they might, in the judgment of Congress, be excluded from such an amnesty;" but we may expect soon to see the President admitting that even this reservation is unnecessary, since Davis himself has already become so unpopular in the South that he would scarcely be returned to Congress from any district in the whole section; while if he, or any of his most notorious confederates, should be sent thither, their very presence would tell much more severely against the disloyal cause which they are supposed to represent than their enforced absence now does. There is no reason now, nor has there been for many months, in disfranchising fourteen thousand of the best citizens of the South simply because, as the President says, "they were, before the rebellion, of standing and character sufficient" to be occupying places of trust. Nor can the President, or Senator Morton, or Senator Conkling, or the other statesmen who have been identified with the proscriptive legislation and military administration of the past two or three years, deny that the laws of Congress, as they have stood and been administered, have been ample justification for all the discontent which has prevailed among the influential classes in the South, letting alone the act of violence, for which that class is scarcely to be held responsible. "It will," as General Grant observes, "be a happy condition of the country when the old citizens of these States will take an interest in public affairs, promulgate their ideas honestly entertained, vote for men representing their views, and permit the same freedom of expression and ballot in those entertaining different political convictions." And we can assure our worthy Chief Magistrate that the country is heartily glad to hear him say this.

The error of the proscriptive policy was every whit as apparent a year ago as it is now to those who analyzed it closely. It was pointed out by nearly all the candid public journals—Republican as well as of other politics—and embodied in the platforms of the Republican conventions. (*Vide*, for example, the resolutions of the Illinois Republican Convention of last summer.) Probably it is in deference to these general and authoritative expressions of patriotic public opinion that the President has advanced to his present commendable position on the subject of amnesty; possibly it is, as some assert, with a military strategist's cunning, to head off the very threatening movement for amnesty with which Senator Schurz and other Republicans, despairing of Presidential aid, had become identified. At all events, the head of the government should be congratulated on the important step he has taken. We trust that the official suggestions which we have quoted will be promptly carried out by Congress. We shall expect, also, to see those supererogatory appendages at the White House, and ministers at the altar of the office-dispensing power, Messrs. Morton, Conkling, and Chandler, become at once as obsequious in their devotion to the policy of peace and amnesty as they were, eight months ago, to the policy of proscription and violence.

THE BUILDING QUESTION.

As our city must be rebuilt, every suggestion based upon the experience of the past that can contribute to its stability should receive due consideration from architects, builders, and the city authorities. It is well known that fires rarely occur in Paris, and when they do happen they seldom do much damage. The reason for this immunity from great loss must be sought for in the vigilance exercised by the public authorities while buildings are in process of construction. When any one has decided to build, he goes to his architect for plans and specifications. These must be submitted to the proper department of the government, where the location of every line, the thickness of the walls, the material to be used, and everything about the proposed building are carefully examined. All changes that can contribute to the safety and stability of it are peremptorily ordered, and, while the work goes on, the government officers inspect it, in order that no variation from the most approved principles of construction shall be made. If, after all these precautions, any cheating is discovered, the builder is liable to the owner in an action of damages. Partitions as well as outer walls are all made of stone or brick, and the roofs are covered with tiles or other non-combustible materials. Hence, about all there is that can burn about a residence are the furniture, doors, floors, and windows; and hence, with an efficient fire department, a very large fire in Paris is well-nigh impossible. Even with the free use of petroleum, the Communists made very little headway in burning the city.

When a fire does occur, the occupant of the house or building in which it begins must be able to show clearly how it originated, if he would escape the penalties of arson. The fire itself is *prima facie* evidence that he caused or allowed it. Not only is he held responsible to his landlord for all damages in case of fire, but the law makes him liable for damages to property on either side of him. Hence a tenant insures not only the house in which he lives, but the house on each side of him. This is not so great a burden as it might be supposed, for, with such care in the construction of buildings and such personal responsibility in regard to the origin of fires, the rates of insurance are merely nominal. A visitor will often be for months in Paris without hearing an alarm of fire, and the same is true of nearly all European cities.

That some general and more stringent laws in regard to the erection of buildings are imperatively demanded; the calamity of October 9 has abundantly proved. The public does not hesitate to remove a nuisance of any kind. How much more should a man be prohibited from erecting a building which it is morally certain will endanger the property of his neighborhood? It is, in fact, about impossible to construct a building so thoroughly fire-proof as to resist the heat produced by a general conflagration of a large number of wooden buildings surrounding it. In such case, the whole atmosphere becomes a furnace which nothing but a brick vault can resist. Until our people are willing to profit by the experience of the cities of the Old World, and especially by our own disasters, they cannot hope to have any real security for their property.

As to the marine hospitals, the Secretary of the Treasury has discovered that those of the style known as "pavilion hospitals" are much more conducive to the improvement of the health of patients than the immense buildings of brick and mortar which have been absorbing the funds of the Treasury hitherto; also that they are much cheaper. We trust that this last fact will not act as a drawback to their erection, and thus deprive any poor mariner of shelter and medicine which he would otherwise obtain. It is to be regretted, moreover, that the discovery of the superior adaptedness of the pavilion style had not been made before $400,000 had been invested by the government in a vast edifice in the town of Lake View, some six miles out of Chicago, where a Marine Hospital is about as serviceable to the seamen who pay their hospital taxes at this port as a breakwater would be at Union Park. The hospital has no means of land communication with Chicago, nor is it at present accessible by water. Its surgeons will, moreover, be unable to attend to the many cases of sudden need, as broken heads and limbs, which the sailors are constantly incurring. If it is possible to trade off the Marine Hospital of Chicago (so-called, though not one Chicagoan in a thousand ever saw it), at half its cost, for a female seminary, or something of that kind, the government will have enabled the firemen to have arrested the great fire.

6. These buildings, which are to serve as future barracks, should be fire-proof according to general system, and under rigid inspection, which should require metal or slate roofs; partitions of brick walls; brick or iron cornices; no projecting woodwork whatever; walls of a certain thickness; and, above all, iron shutters.

Now, who is to pay for all this? It certainly would entail much extra cost on the owners of the buildings.

First, the public, by the remission or great reduction of city taxes for a term of years.

Second, by the insurance companies taking risks on those buildings at rates below those generally charged.

It may be objected that this scheme involves governmental interference with private rights. True, but not greater interference than we now submit to in the fire laws of every city, which prescribe the kind of material, thickness of walls, etc., when we are building; and, after our houses are occupied, enforce stringent regulations by domiciliary inspection. I am, very truly, your obedient servant, THOMAS C. CLARKE.

Brick Arches for Fire-Proof Buildings.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In reply to the letter of "L. E. S.," of November 27, in which he stated that a No. 12 iron arch, corrugated, sustained upward of 400 tons, I will be willing to put up a 4-inch brick arch, and put on it 18 tons, he doing the same with his corrugated iron arch; then to have a fire kindled under each of them at the same time, and see which will stand the test for the longest.

Then, again, he says I have overestimated the cost of the iron arch, of 16 cents per square foot, saying 100 per cent. (I should judge by this he can put them in for nothing); and that the brick arches will cost nearly the same per cent more than my estimate. I am willing again to put in all the brick arches he can furnish me to do, at the price I named; that is, 12 to 15 cents per foot. Or I will furnish the beams, and put in the brick arches, with concrete complete, for 85 cents per square foot. It was not long before the fire that the engineer of the Asbestos Corrugated Iron Company charged parties, for putting in the beams and iron arches $2.50 to $3.50 per square foot. As for spreading the beams from four to six feet for using a saving of expense, this is not the case, for it will take the same amount of metal to carry the weight of the floor. Now, there is another objection to the iron arch, and that is, when the thin iron plates become heated by the fire they will fall from their position, with the concrete on them, and the whole case the beam to the best. This is not the case with the brick arch, for the heat of the fire cannot throw it down; but it protects the upright web of the beam, and keeps it in its position. J. B. COMSTOCK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.

A Card from George Armour, Esq.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: My name appeared some days since in your paper, at the head of a committee to look after suspended insurance companies. It was put there without my knowledge or consent, and, as soon as seen by me, a note was sent in the course of business, I believe to say, before the receipt of communications relating to the committee's functions. To save the time of the writers, as well as my own, I desire to say, hereby, the same to-claim, that I am not one of the committee. Yours, GEORGE ARMOUR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.

William B. Ogden, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR: I have visited Chicago since the fire, and, like many others, cannot rest easy until I have promulgated my panacea against future conflagrations. These are my ideas:

1. Every building hereafter erected in the city is use-less against an extended conflagration.

2. The only way to confine a fire within narrow limits, and prevent its getting overpowering headway, is by the use of a system of vertical fire-proof walls.

3. Just as this safeguard is applied to a single large warehouse, so that one compartment can burn up with the hottest heat, and yet its forces be all *upward*, like the fire in a chimney,—so this system of vertical barriers can be applied to a city.

4. Select certain streets on the north, west, and south sides of the business centre of South Chicago, encircling it on all sides (but toward the lake), and wailing it in against fires from *without*, by building on those streets all the houses according to a thoroughly fire-proof system of external protection.

5. Divide the area so enclosed by cross-walls, composed of similar fire-proof buildings on certain streets. Then, if a fire came from without, it could be stopped at the first wall. If a fire broke out within, it could be confined to the section where it originated. A few more such solid walls as the Post Office would have enabled the firemen to have arrested the great fire.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Reduction of the Pay of the Contractor for Scavenger Work.

Mortality Report for the Past Week and the Month of November.

Alarming Increase of Small-Pox—An Essay on Vaccination.

Sanitary Condition of the Barracks—Nuisances Abated.

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon. There were present the Hon. Samuel Hoard, Mr. Reynolds, Drs. Van Hollen and Rauch. Mr. Hoard presided.

SCAVENGER WORK.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the subject of scavenger work, reported, recommending that, after the first day of January, 1871, there shall be made a reduction of 20 per cent on the compensation allowed Mr. Wright, the contractor, and that the contract be so modified or changed as that after that date the pay should be $64 per diem, in place of $65.

The report was adopted.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Bills amounting to $5,732 36 for the month were allowed and ordered paid.

MORTUARY.

Dr. Rauch, the Sanitary Superintendent, presented his usual weekly mortality report. It showed that the number of deaths for the week ending November 2, 1871, was 190, showing a decrease of 26 as compared with the number for the preceding week. There were 21 deaths of children under 1 year, and 7 over 60 years. There were 87 males and 49 females. The principal causes of death were as follows: Consumption, 16; convulsions, 9; croup, 5; scarlet fever, 18; typhoid fever, 17; congestion of the lungs, 5; pneumonia, 8; tabes mesenterica, 5. The mean daily thermometer during the week was 27 degrees.

The report continues as follows: Compared with the previous week, there was a decided

DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS.

There were 2 more by consumption, 3 by croup, 7 by scarlet fever, 3 by heart disease, 3 by congestion of the lungs, and 4 by neuralgia, while there were 5 less by brain diseases, 9 by cholera infantum, 5 by convulsions, 5 by puerperal fever, 7 by typhoid fever, 3 by hydrocephalus, 3 by insanition, 3 by old age, 3 by peritonitis, and 3 by pneumonia.

The most marked feature of the mortality this week is the decrease of typhoid fever, and the increase of scarlet fever. There is also a decided diminution of the infantile diseases incident to summer. The mortality by small-pox is the same as last week. In other respects there is nothing unusual in the causes of death. For the same time in 1868 there were 93 deaths, under 5 years 49; in 1869 there were 105, under 5 years 69; in 1870 there were 96, under 5 years 56; and this year 106, under 5 years 51. The proportion of death is still greatly in excess of the population among foreigners, and the decrease this week is mainly among those above 20 years of age. Ward mortality shows nearly all the decreases, while there is no difference in the mortality of the hospitals.

SMALL-POX.

During the past week cases of small-pox were reported at No. 45 Cherry street, No. 22 Ruble street, No. 603 South Clark, No. 178 State, No. 49 Hurlbut, No. 140 Dayton, No. 774 South Halsted, No. 454 South Jefferson, No. 160 West Twelfth, No. 147 Larrabee, No. 50 Fourth, No. 199 First, No. 240 Division, No. 30 North Market, No. 587 West Lake, and No. 686 South Jefferson.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this loathsome disease is still spreading. For the first time there are cases reported on the South Side and a number in the suburbs, which are not reported. My attention has been called to a case of varioloid, where the father of the patient communicated the disease, he having had varioloid in so mild a form that he did not know that was the matter with him, until the disease developed itself in his child. An insane patient who was suffering from varioloid escaped from the small-pox hospital, and although every effort was made to capture him, it could not be effected, he having been tracked from one place to another in the vicinity, until he was finally lost sight of, and it is supposed he left the city. I also saw a case where the beneficial effect of vaccination was well marked in the case of a child, who had been infected by a patient in the same house, when the variolic disease was almost entirely overcome by the vaccination, it being so slight that it would not have been recognized if small-pox had not been in the same house.

VACCINATION.

I take pleasure in stating that the City Physician is re-vaccinating all the inmates of the Bridewell; the Illinois Central Railroad Company is also doing the same, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and I hope to be able to announce the same fact soon with regard to the other railroad companies. The only way in which the spread of this disease can be prevented is by general vaccination and re-vaccination. Many persons suppose that they are safe because they were vaccinated in their infancy. This is a mistake, as the many cases of varioloid show, and the fact that in 1865, in Boston, where properly performed, at least one in five will develop the true vaccine disease, while this writer, in my own experience, has taken but one in ten. It will, therefore, be seen that if persons wish to protect themselves they must be re-vaccinated, and particularly at this time, as there is, undoubtedly, a much greater tendency to this disease than usual. We have suffered less than any other city of the same size in the United States for the last five years from this disease, but, unless all assist the efforts of the Board, the same conditions will obtain here that are now found in other cities, particularly Philadelphia, where the prevalence and mortality of small-pox is fearful.

Too little attention is paid by medical men to vaccination. It is a matter of the utmost importance that they should keep track of the patient after the operation is performed, as in many instances it produces no effect, or is spurious, the patients supposing that it was all that was necessary, and indulging in the delusion that they are protected, thus endangering their lives and throwing discredit upon the efficacy of vaccination.

Cases daily occur where vaccination is refused, many because they were vaccinated in the old country," with the idea that it was better than if performed here; others from fear of pain from the virus. To the first objection I would say that small-pox has been prevalent in the different countries of Europe just in proportion to the number vaccinated and re-vaccinated, and that it has spread over the country by immigrants, and, to the second, that according to my own observation there is less danger from this source than being struck by lightning, and comparatively speaking none; and that I have never known a single case of the kind to be recorded, but on the contrary I almost daily see persons die because they were not vaccinated.

BARRACKS.

The sanitary condition of the barracks is in as good a state as could be expected. Much progress has been made during the past week in making them more comfortable. Three deaths occurred in the Cottage avenue branches. Every care possible is taken to prevent the spread of scarlet fever. The barrack hospitals are nearly completed, and in a short time will be ready for occupancy. No more cases of small-pox have been reported in them, and the vaccination and re-vaccination of the inmates is completed.

Suit has been brought against one party for tearing down a small-pox card, and I expect to be compelled to bring suit against others. It is absolutely necessary to punish parties with the utmost vigor of the law, for violation of ordinances pertaining to small-pox. Unless this is done our efforts to prevent the spread of the disease will be of no use. In many instances it is only the strong arm of authority that is appreciated, and brings the individual to a realizing sense of his duty.

The report was placed on file.

MONTHLY MORTALITY REPORT.

Dr. Rauch also read the following facts: The total number of deaths for the month of November was 474, showing a decrease of 74, as compared with that of October. Of these 115 were under 1 year, and 60 between 20 and 30 years. Two were over 90 years. There were 216 males and 226 females; 150 married, and 303 single; 6 colored, and 610 white. The principal causes of death were as follows: Accidents, 18; consumption, 39; convulsions, 20; scarlet fever, 43; typhoid fever, 75; old age, 16; pneumonia, 39; smallpox, 13; brain diseases, 12. There were four deaths at the barracks, and two suicides.

Dr. Rauch states that, compared with the preceding month, there was a decided improvement in the health of the city. He continues:

The most marked feature in the cause of death is the increase by typhoid fever, undoubtedly the direct result of overcrowding. In 1868 there were 349 deaths; in 1867, 196; in 1866, 233; in 1865, 189; in 1870, 222; and so far as this year has gone, 268. More deaths occurred during this month than any other known in the history of the city from this disease, the only month approaching it in October, 1866, when 51 are reported as dying from this cause, many of them having suffered from chilblers.

Small-pox next attracts attention, as the mortality by this disease has been greater than for the same time in four years. In 1868 there were 113 deaths from this cause; in 1864, 264; in 1865, 59; in 1866, 9; making a total of 464; while in 1867 there were from this cause 146; in 1869, 17; in 1870, 18; and this year, so far, 27, making a total of 228 for nearly five years. Up to this month the number of deaths by this disease were only 16 for this year. In the last six months, almost daily immigrants have been arriving here and reporting small-pox on the railroad, and by the exercise of the utmost vigilance by the board, its spread has been prevented, while in other cities it prevailed to a great extent. Since the fire, however, owing to the destruction of the small-pox hospital, the general disorganization of everything, the want of knowledge of cases, and the overcrowding of houses, this is to some extent preventive isolation, vaccination, and the rigid quarantine used by the board, the disease has increased upon us during this month, so that by the end of it there were 74 cases in the city. Although every effort has been made to prevent the spread of the disease possible, under the circumstances in which we are placed, it has made itself appreciably speaking great headway. There is probably no better instance on record of what can be done in the way of prevention than our experience before and after the fire. We are crippled, and, as the result, we have an increase.

The doctor adds that a careful analysis of the causes of death satisfies him that fully 70 per cent of them are either directly or indirectly the result of the fire. He is astonished that it has not been greater.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

Dr. Rauch, as acting Health Officer reported that he had, during the past month, condemned 21 quarters of beef, 4 hogs, and 4 halves. He had removed 485 loads of garbage and 1,746 loads of ashes; 179 horses; 34 cows, and 99 dogs and cats.

NUISANCES ABATED.

During the month ending December 2, 175 nuisances had been abated, while for the month of November 228 nuisances were similarly treated. The report was placed on file.

REPORTS OF SANITARY INSPECTORS

were received and read. Dr. Rauch stated that the board, in conjunction with the Relief and Aid Society, had vaccinated and revaccinated 9,000 persons.

A resolution of thanks was addressed to the retiring Mayor and Mr. Van Hollen, ex-members of the board.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The office of President of this board has become vacant by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. F. F. Heard; and

WHEREAS, The Hon. Joseph Medill, Mayor-elect, is *ex-officio* a member of this board; therefore,

Resolved, That the Hon. Joseph Medill be, and hereby is, elected President of this board.

The resolution was adopted.

The board then adjourned.

REPORTS FROM THE COURTS.

Approval of a Lease—New Suits, Judgments, Real Estate, etc.

County Court.

APPROVAL OF LEASE.

In the matter of the estate of Addison R. Gilmore and others, minors, an order was entered confirming the lease, to John Wayte, of the east 1-3 of Out-lot 1, Lot 7, Block 22, Fractional Section 15 Addition. The lease runs to April 30, 1874, at a rental of $60 per month.

WILL ADMITTED TO RECORD.

The will of Randolph Stewart was admitted to record, and letters testamentary were issued to William B. Stewart on bond of $50,000.

ADMINISTRATION.

Crescentia Klein was appointed administratrix of the estate of Jacob Klein, on bond of $15,000.

John Berger was appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Berger, on bond of $40,000.

Circuit Court.

NEW SUITS.

An action of debt was commenced by Henry Wundersy, use, etc., against James M. McClelland and Leonard Rothgerber, in which debt is laid at $1,000 and damages at $1,000.

—An action of debt was commenced by Currier Grover, use, etc., against the St. Louis Mutual Insurance Company, in which debt is laid at $4,000, and damages at $15,000.

TRESPASS.

An action of trespass was commenced by Theophilus Boler and Caroline Boler against William Lees, in which damages are laid at $5,000.

Superior Court.

WISH TO BE DIVORCED.

Virginia S. Ellis vs. Augustus M. Ellis. Bill for divorce on the ground of drunkenness. Married July 1, 1868.

—George Blaha vs. Anna Blaha. Bill for divorce on the ground of adultery. Married April 27, 1871.

JUDGMENT.

In the case of Alexander Moody against Max Schweizer a verdict was returned for $1,100.96, and judgment rendered.

NEW SUITS.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by the National Bank of Commerce against George A. Bigelow, in which damages are laid at $5,000.

REAL ESTATE.

A petition was filed by Rufus K. Delafield against John Bard and others for the partition of the west 1-2 of section 13, Township 39, north range 12, and the east 1-2 of the north west 1-4 of Section 18, Township 39, north range 13, and certain lands in Will County.

AN END OF FREE LICENSES.

No More Free Licenses or Permits—Opinion of the Corporation Counsel.

One of the necessary evils of the fire has been the relaxed condition of things in several departments of the city government, especially in that subdivision of the City Clerk's office which relates to licenses. Everybody (at least those who have to pay) are aware that the city collects a fee for permits to do business from nearly every small ware business. During the first condition of things following the fire, the office of City Clerk was mainly in the hat of the incumbent, as all his blanks, books, etc., went with the Council House. To remedy the loss, and consequent inconvenience, Mayor Mason was induced to assume the responsibility, and issued written permits for short periods. These permits were given only as make-shifts, and with the understanding that they were only to be the beginning of a full year's license, to be obtained as soon as the opportunity was offered—that is, each applicant promised to comply with the law as soon as he could, and pay for the back time.

This method of doing business, which was instituted only as a charity, soon degenerated into an abuse, and the rush for "free licenses" was immense. Of course, most of the applicants had not the slightest intention of getting out a license at all, unless compelled to do so, or even paying for the back time.

Mayor Medill found the usual rush for free permits on hand yesterday, and was not specially cheered by it. Not feeling at all certain as to the legality of the proceeding, he applied to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the law in the case, and received the following reply:

Hon. Joseph Medill:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your request for my opinion as to your power to issue free licenses for beams or rafters, pedlers, peddlers, runners, junk dealers, intelligence offices, shows, etc., I reply that, by the charter, there is no power vested in the Mayor to issue a free license. He can issue licenses for other business or calling for which a license is required. Applicants should be required to pay the City Clerk, to obtain a license, by paying the regular fee; or, if they deserve a free license, to the Common Council—the only authority that can issue a license. No such power exists anywhere at this time.

Respectfully, M. F. TULEY,
Corporation Counsel.

It is to be hoped that the announcement of the fact of the *illegality* of the proceeding will be sufficient to deter any further applications; if not, it may be said that Mayor Medill does not feel disposed to grant no more free licenses, considering that the emergency which called for their former issue has ceased, and that, in any event, he has no legal authority to do it.

REAL ESTATE.

Instruments Filed for Record on Tuesday, December 5.

CITY PROPERTY.

Sangamon st, 45 ft s of Tyler st, s f, 23x125 ft, also South Park av, between Gano and Ray sts, w f, 32x135 ft, dated Sept. 28; consideration, $15,000.

Lot 15, in Freeman's et al Subdivision of Lots 14 to 17 in Block 16, in Rockwell's Addition, dated August 30; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 7 of Lots 3 and 4, in Block 26, School Section Addition, being house and lot No. 107 Jefferson st, near Monroe, dated Nov. 15; consideration, $6,000.

Lots 9 and 10, in A. P. Dowes & Co.'s Subdivision of w 1-2 n w 1-4, Sec. 15, 39, 14; consideration, $2,400.

West Washington st, between Robey and Lincoln sts, w f, 213 1/3 ft, dated Nov. 11; consideration, $8,000.

The Fire Ordinance.

FIVE BLOCKS WEST OF WESTERN AVENUE, }
CHICAGO, Dec. 4. }

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Will you allow me to reply, through your columns, to the letter of George H. Reid, in this morning's TRIBUNE? First, he says that a fire ordinance for the future, "so rigid and extreme as THE TRIBUNE has advocated, is not advisable at present, except in the centre of the city, as it would seriously cripple thousands. The change is too great, too sudden, too sweeping, and too soon after so many have been made homeless." Now, Mr. Editor, the folly of this reasoning becomes very apparent when we consider it was the centre of the city—such as has just passed over the city, and, all because that, outside "the centre of the city," such places as the DeKoven street district, were followed! Mr. Editor, I think every property-owner will agree with me that the fire limits should be the extreme limits of the city. Just for one moment think what would have been the result to-day in Chicago had the fire of DeKoven street changed, its base to, and been kindled on, the West Side at any point on Fulton, Lake, or Madison street, five or even six blocks west of Western avenue, why, my dear Mr. Hess, we would not to-day have a shelter in Chicago, dating its existence further back than the 8th or 9th of October, 1871. Now, may tell us why the people should again be placed in the same dangerous position, by allowing straw sheds built adjoining the shanties where live the persons whose only use seems to be that of endangering the safety of the whole city, and the lives of those miserable plague-spots on the West Side; west of Western avenue, and standing on the cross streets running north from Madison street, a fire in any one of which would endanger the whole West Side. Perhaps the most dangerous of them all is at 1064 Fulton street, at the corner of California avenue, where the family actually live in and have a fire in one end of the straw shed. When will our city authorities learn that preventive is better than cure?

Yours respectfully, THOMAS JONES.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

Masonic.

There will be a meeting of Van Rensselaer Grand Lodge Perfection A. & A. Scottish Masons, on THURSDAY evening, Dec. 7, at 7½ o'clock, sharp, at the hall of Home Lodge, corner of Twenty third-st. and Prairie-av. A full attendance is earnestly desired, as business of importance will be presented. By order of the T. P. G. M. J. S. SLICHTER, Grand Secretary.

Masonic.

Companions of Union Park Chapter, R. A. M., are hereby notified to meet at their hall, 57 and 59 West Lake-st., Thursday evening, Dec. 7, for the installation of Chapter and Installation of Officers. Companion R. A. M.'s fraternally invited.

GEO. F. LETZ, H. P.

Masonic.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, F. & A. M.—Regular communication this Wednesday evening, at Owsley's Hall, corner Robey and West Madison-sts. All members are requested to be present. By order of the W. M.

C. H. CRANE, Secretary.

Masonic.

The annual communication of Keystone Lodge No. 626, A. F. and A. M., will be held on to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 730 Milwaukee-st., at 7½ o'clock sharp, for election of officers and other important business. Every member of the lodge is requested to be present. Visitors fraternally invited. By order of W. M.

E. BONAYNE, Secretary pro tem.

Chicago, Dec 4, 1871.

Masonic.

Mizpa Lodge No. 410, A. F. and A. M.

The members of this and all the sister lodges of this order are cordially requested to meet on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, at 12 o'clock, at the lodge room, 57 West Lake-st., to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, H. Bible. The funeral services will take place from his late residence, No. 282 North Halsted-st., at 1 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday.

A. KOLITZ, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

Members of Keystone Lodge, No. 21, are hereby notified that the regular meeting of the Lodge will be held Wednesday evening, in Park Dearborn Hall, corner of Halsted and Madison-sts. Business of importance is now before the Lodge.

H. KELLOGG, A. G. sec'y.

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THE CURRENCY.

Report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Extension of the National Banking System.

Gold Paid by the Banks—The Gold Note Banks—Specie Payments.

The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency, of which we print the following comprehensive synopsis, presents much valuable information in regard to the extension and increased popularity of the National Banking system, and shows that the confidence expressed a year ago by the people in regard to inflation from a theoretic point of view, and in bank circulation under the act of 1863, were entirely groundless.

During the year 158 National Banks have been organized, making the total number 1,756. Of this number, ten banks, with an aggregate capital of $1,000,000, went into voluntary surrender and transfer of circulation for that purpose by existing National Banks; and did not increase the aggregate of circulation.

Twenty-five banks have been organized in localities where State Banks existed, preparing for the issue of fifty-four per cent of the National Bank circulation, which has been furnished to banks and bankers in thirty-three States, viz.: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 1; California, 2; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 13; Indiana, 8; Kansas, 1; Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 1; Maine, 1; Massachusetts, 12; Michigan, 4; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 2; Nebraska, 1; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 2; North Carolina, 2; Ohio, 12; Pennsylvania, 12; Rhode Island, 1; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 1; Vermont, 1; Virginia, 5; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 5.

The amount of currency issued under the act, to October 1, 1871, is $23,135,000, of which has been furnished to banks and bankers in thirty-three States, viz.: Alabama, $ 500,000; Arkansas, 100,000; California, 1,000,000; Georgia, 500,000; Illinois, 1,000,000; Indiana, 1,000,000; Kansas, 100,000; Kentucky, 1,000,000; Louisiana, 1,000,000; Maine, 1,000,000; Massachusetts, 1,000,000; Michigan, 1,000,000; Minnesota, 100,000; Missouri, 1,000,000; Nebraska, 100,000; New Hampshire, 1,000,000; New Jersey, 1,000,000; North Carolina, 500,000; Ohio, 1,000,000; Pennsylvania, 1,000,000; Rhode Island, 1,000,000; South Carolina, 500,000; Tennessee, 500,000; Texas, 100,000; Vermont, 1,000,000; Virginia, 500,000; West Virginia, 500,000; Wisconsin, 1,000,000.

The amount of currency issued under the provisions of the act of February 4, 1871, which has been furnished to banks and bankers in the following States, viz.: Illinois, $ 500,000; Indiana, 500,000; Massachusetts, 1,000,000; Michigan, 500,000; Missouri, 500,000; New Jersey, 500,000; Ohio, 500,000; Pennsylvania, 1,000,000; Rhode Island, 500,000; Vermont, 500,000; Wisconsin, 500,000.

The amount of currency issued under the act of March 3, 1871, which has been furnished to banks and bankers in the following States, viz.: Illinois, $ 500,000; Indiana, 500,000; Massachusetts, 1,000,000; Michigan, 500,000; Missouri, 500,000; New Jersey, 500,000; Ohio, 500,000; Pennsylvania, 1,000,000; Rhode Island, 500,000; Vermont, 500,000; Wisconsin, 500,000.

The fundamental idea underlying this theory is that the conditions necessary to growth exist already. It presupposes that the country is prosperous; that trade, industry, and enterprise may flourish; that labor may have a bountiful reward; that individuals and communities may grow rich and increase in wealth and substance, notwithstanding a superabundant, irredeemable, depreciated currency. If this assumption is correct, it is hardly necessary to look forward to the time when natural growth shall absorb the surplus currency, and specie payments shall come in course of nature.

If the currency, in the present condition, is so conducive to prosperity as to make it probable that, at no distant day, the country will continually need all the paper currency now in circulation, the inference would go far to sustain the theory that the best means of hastening and insuring the return of early resumption, as it would establish the fact that specie payments are not essential to the growth and prosperity of the country. If the assumption is not correct, the whole proposition fails; for without growth and increase in resources and trade, the currency would forever remain in excess.

Granting, however, that the business of the country is likely to attain such dimensions as to require the entire present volume of currency for its accommodation, there is another aspect of the case to be considered. When the point is reached at which the currency ceases to be redundant, the supposition is that it will at once appreciate to par with gold, and that gold will then resume its functions as currency. When this takes place, one of two things is likely to occur. There must be a very considerable inflation, in consequence of the addition of gold and silver to the currency, or there must be a reduction in the volume of paper money. In other words, if there shall not be inflation, there must be contraction; but if there is contraction as a consequence, not as a cause; contraction brought about by natural and self-acting causes, not by act of Congress, nor by the exercise of arbitrary power in any quarter. This would be a legitimate result, and, if it should take place, would not be liable to the same objections that are urged against contraction now.

But whether the coin shall be added to the paper, and so swell the volume of currency, or produce inflation, or whether a proportion of the paper shall be retired, as the coin comes forth to take its place as a constituent part of the circulating medium, the probabilities seem to be that, with a wise administration of the finances, paper and specie will gradually and surely flow, perhaps slowly, approximate to an equality in value.

If it were possible, in considering the practicability of resumption, to distinguish between the solution and deposits, making the former payable in specie, while the latter should be payable in kind, much of the difficulty and danger attending it would be removed.

Although the legal obligation to pay coin or lawful money for deposits, in the absence of any stipulation on the subject, is not disputed, yet it is probable that the banks, by concerted action, would have no difficulty in arranging with their customers to receive for their deposits the same kind of money deposited. This understanding is quite general between the banks and their customers, outside of two or three of the large Eastern cities. If the banks in those cities would agree to settle their balances, through their Clearing Houses, in current funds, much of the difficulty of making deposits likewise payable in currency funds would be obviated. Ordinarily those very banks pay all deposits in miscellaneous funds, and the obligation to pay specie or lawful money only recurs to plague them when they are least able to meet the demand.

It would be practicable to place the currency on a specie basis long before it would be possible to place the entire liabilities of the banks on a similar footing. In New York, provision could easily be made for thirty-four millions of bank notes; but, according to the established usage there, specie payments would involve provision for over $200,000,000 deposits. It is this practice which renders the business of the country unsteady and unreliable, to with the false principles which underlie the financial management of the great centres of money and trade.

If New York cannot maintain specie payments according to her own standard, they cannot be maintained, especially elsewhere, for any length of time under any circumstances and hence it is a matter of vital importance to the country to agree upon terms carefully, not only the grounds upon which this assumed obligation is based, but also the ability of the parties to carry it into practical effect. During the last five years there have been no apprehensions in any quarter of a currency panic. That element of disaster upon happily been wanting in the disturbances which have characterized the money market from time to time; and yet it is not to be inferred that there will have more than once been upon the verge of a panic which threatened the most disastrous consequences. Happily, the currency furnished to them, while they have called out and utilized for the public good have not increased the aggregate of circulation among and held by the people in small amounts; and in this they have contributed to the annual supply of money required in the West, and which otherwise would have been drawn from the Eastern cities.

I therefore do not hesitate to recommend that provision be made for the organization of National Banks wherever they may be needed.

If, with each million of bank notes issued, a million of legal tenders is withdrawn, the time will come when the circulation to be redeemed will be so much larger in proportion than the funds for its redemption that the latter must appreciate in value, while the enhanced cost of redemption will be a wholesome check upon bank issues.

If free banking is made practicable on the basis suggested, any further increase or inflation of the currency will be rendered impossible, and every hundred thousand dollars of bank notes so issued will have a tendency to accelerate the resumption of specie payments, while, at the same time, it will make the process gradual, and throw the responsibility and the burden upon the banks and the capital of the country, where they legitimately belong. These are the agencies that can be relied upon with certainty when and how to act, and the precise moment when it will be safe and wise to re-establish the business and finances of the country on a specie basis.

—There was a queer row in Boston the other day over a dead body; and a bill in equity to get possession of a corpse is a novelty in legislation. One Dr. Kelly died. His sister and sole heir sent her son from New York to bring what was left of the Doctor—his property to the city, and his bones to Greenwood Cemetery; but, meanwhile, the housekeeper of the defunct physician had bestowed the relics in Boston. She claimed that the estate of the deceased would be diminished by the great expense of the removal, and that her chance of being paid what the Doctor owed her would be proportionately lessened. Moreover, to be buried in Massachusetts was the very last wish expressed by the Doctor with his dying breath. Gray, J., looking at the matter from a legal and not a sentimental point of view, decided that the remains were the personal property of the nearest of kin, and that they might entomb them where they pleased.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 5.

In the money market the situation remains the same as has been noted from day to day for the past three weeks. The country banks have now drawn down their deposits here quite low, their funds now being required to assist the marketing of hogs and cattle. Notwithstanding this, the deposits of the banks here are probably larger than they have ever been, showing that the increase of funds in bank is due entirely to the increase of balances to the credit of city accounts.

There were but few transactions between banks to-day in sales of exchange. The supply of New York bills is large, but the demand at the counters of the banks are also large, and sustains the prices.

Movements of currency are very light for this season of the year. The amount sent into the country from day to day is smaller than would naturally be expected during the movement of so heavy a hog crop.

Messrs. Ladd, Preston & Kean furnish the following quotations for buying and selling government bonds and local stocks in this market this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	117 3-4	117 5-8
5-20s of '62	114	114 1/4
5-20s of '62, (called)	110 1-4	
5-20s of '64	110 1-4	
5-20s of '65	111 1-4	111 1-2
5-20s of '65, January and July	112 3-4	113 1-4
5-20s of '65, April and October	112 3-4	113 1-4
5-20s of '67, January and July	114 1-4	114 3-4
10-40s	107 3-4	108 1-4
U. S. Currency 6s	112 3-4	113 1-4
U. S. 5 per cents, (new issue)	109 1-4	109 1-2
Northwestern Sanitary Fair		100
Chicago City 7s		107
Cook County 7s		105
Gold and Gold Coupons	109 3-4	110 1-4
Land Warrants—Illinois	97	98
" Iowa	97	98
Agricultural College Land Scrip	77½	78

The San Francisco Bulletin of the 28th ult. refers at some length to an article which appeared in this column in relation to the failure of the Pacific Insurance Company of that city, and particularly to the intimation that the Insurance Commissioner of California was guilty of malfeasance in aiding to deceive the public by endorsing the misrepresentation of the assets of the company" at the date of the last official report. To this the Bulletin says:

The facts are, that the time for the payment of the assessments had not yet run, and until it is, and the company has failed to make good its capital, the Commissioner has no warrant for proceeding against it. If the assessments are not all paid, it will be because some of the stock is in the hands of persons who put all their means in it as an investment for income. The Commissioner has no other knowledge of the value of the market for any purchaser, and was often bought by persons who could not be held responsible beyond the amount of their stock. In this way the personal liability clause has been practically nullified, and the information on the part of the Commissioner, simply means there has been no means of making personal responsibility go with it.

We hope our home companies will be able to make good their liability, pay up their stock satisfactorily, and continue business, but it is evident that what they need in the future is not a demoralizing effort, to collect assessments through the courts, or radical modifications or repeal of the personal liability clause, but simply a little time for the fruits of the labor of responsible persons. The Bank of California manages to do this by a provision in its constitution which forbids the withdrawal from business except by vote of unlimited wealth, who are accountable for all their acts to the Board of Directors, and as a source of real strength, and does not cripple the energies of the institution.

The Bulletin's statement of the fact that the time is not up yet, and its expression of hope that the assessments will be made good, their ability to raise, affords ground for the presumption that the Insurance Commissioner does mean to proceed against them, if collection is not completed by the time of probation is up, though at the same time its reference to the matter in which a considerable proportion of the stock is now held, shows reason for doubting that the hope will be fully realized. The report of the Comptroller of the Currency contains a set of tables, in which, among other items in regard to the National Banks, in the various cities, is a column showing the "percentage of reserve to liabilities" held by the banks in the "redemption cities" at the dates of the five regular reports during the year. From these we compile the following:

	Jan. 29.	Mar. 18.	April 29.	June 10.	Oct 2.
	1870.	1871.	1871.	1871.	1871.
Boston	24.9	27.7	31.9	30.3	27.1
Albany	27.6	30.9	27.5	29.0	26.1
Philadelphia	25.5	27.3	27.3	27.6	25.3
Pittsburgh	27.3	27.3	27.6	27.8	25.8
Baltimore	29.2	34.1	31.0	30.1	27.9
Washington	34.3	35.2	34.6	34.1	29.8
New Orleans	35.9	36.5	37.2	37.1	34.2
Louisville	29.1	30.2	29.0	29.0	27.1
Cincinnati	30.3	29.9	29.7	29.1	25.8
Detroit	30.4	29.7	29.4	29.0	27.1
Chicago	30.4	29.7	29.3	29.0	27.7
Detroit	30.4	29.7	29.3	28.9	25.6
Milwaukee	30.4	29.7	29.3	28.9	25.6
St. Louis	27.7	29.0	28.8	28.2	26.9
Leavenworth	30.4	29.7	29.3	28.9	25.6
Average	29.7	30.9	31.6	31.6	28.7
New York	30.1	29.4	29.9	29.9	28.7

The total amount of National Bank currency which has been prepared for issue is $356,000,000, bedestroyed, and have new notes issued in its stead, to $56,446,345. Of this amount, $13,918,827 was returned during the last fiscal year. Another amount, $3,035,799 were notes of banks either in process of voluntary liquidation, or in the hands of receivers. This would leave nearly $40,000,000 of currency which has been sent to the Comptroller because it was worn out or mutilated. From these causes there is a steady yearly loss, which has characterized the money market from time to time; and yet the amount has not limited fact that we have more than once been upon the verge of a panic which threatened the most disastrous consequences. Happily, the currency furnished to them, while they have called out and utilized for the public good have not increased the aggregate of circulation among and held by the people in small amounts; and in this they have contributed to the annual supply of money required in the West, and which otherwise would have been drawn from the Eastern cities.

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If free banking is made practicable on the basis suggested, any further increase or inflation of the currency will be rendered impossible, and every hundred thousand dollars of bank notes so issued will have a tendency to accelerate the resumption of specie payments, while, at the same time, it will make the process gradual, and throw the responsibility and the burden upon the banks and the capital of the country, where they legitimately belong. These are the agencies that can be relied upon with certainty when and how to act, and the precise moment when it will be safe and wise to re-establish the business and finances of the country on a specie basis.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 5.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce at this port during the past twenty four hours, as far as reported, with the corresponding quantities one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.
Flour, brls	5,600	8,196	6,000	2,215
Wheat, bu	30,056	55,075	*1,367	367
Corn, bu	162,390	41,572	13,518	16,963
Oats, bu	36,601	20,302	14,138	743
Rye, bu	2,460	1,727	2,809	
Barley, bu	8,463	6,450	1,200	2,930
Grass seed, lbs	25,806	127,511		
Flax seed, bu		20,000		
Broom corn, lbs	14,800	126,715		92,970
Dried fruits, lbs	79,370	10,000	650,620	250,870
Beef, brls	45	747	153	269
Pork, brls	256	909	732	868
Lard, lbs	143,150	72,810	810,000	133,240
Tallow, lbs	50,910	4,968	44,480	92,730
Butter, lbs	40,053	24,787	10,700	19,620
Cheese, boxes	20	1,000	1,000	
Live hogs, No	17,765	6,447	*3,505	587
Cattle, No	1,794	2,493	1,341	2,598
Hides, lbs	104,791	126,647	75,000	154,439
Highwines, brls	537	185	215	199
Wool, lbs	183,044	7,300	72,534	48,86
Potatoes, brls	1,614	510		
Lumber, m	1,386	1,431	391	1,366
Shingles, m	1,760	2,740	980	1,179
Coal, lbs		800	75	170
Salt, brls			1,181	3,571

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption 1,252 bu wheat; 397 bu corn; 622 bu oats; 300 bu rye; 1,135 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 56 cars wheat; 221 cars corn; 35 cars oats; 3 cars rye; 9 cars barley. Total, 324 cars.

The business session on Change was more active to-day than usual, with higher prices all round. The speculative element was out in full force in grain, a great many orders being in from the country to invest at present prices, while the local shorts took hold freely, being afraid of a further advance. The receipts were lighter than usual, and promise to be still less in volume if the present cold weather continues. There was not much doing for shipment.

Eighty-two cars were graded No. 2 spring wheat established yesterday, a total of 975 bris being sold at 89c. The demand was good, both speculative and for shipment.

Dressed hogs were quiet today, owing to light offerings, as most of the receipts were shipped through. A sheet of 80 were sold at $5.50 for small lots, and $4.70@4.75 for round lots.

Provisions were less active, but firm, though no higher. The decline of 25c per brl was established on pork last evening, owing to free offerings, but our regular market was not affected to-day by the select. It opened nominally easier than yesterday, but no one was willing to sell, and the quotations of the regular session were quickly re-established. The market ruling rather firm, in sympathy with live hogs at the Stock Yards. But there was a falling off in the demand for lard to-day, the close when mess pork was wanted, and closed strong. Lard was dull. Meats steady. The market closed at the following range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller the month, $12.90@12.95; do seller January, $13.15@13.20; do seller February, $13.30@; do seller March, $13.70@13.75. Lard, cash or seller the month, $ 7.82½@7.85; do seller January, $ 8.02½@8.05; do seller February, $ 8.15@8.17½. Short ribs, cash or seller the month, $ 7.50@7.55; do seller January, $ 7.70@7

THE FIELD AND STABLE.

Prevention of Diseases—Feeding Horses Immediately After Work—Working Immediately After Feeding—Damaged Food—Blankets—Cleanliness.

From Our Special Correspondent.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 1.

PREVENTION OF DISEASES.

Many of the diseases to which our domesticanimals are subject — notwithstanding that some of them, when fully developed, are either dangerous, chronic, or incurable—can be easily prevented, in a great many cases, by ordinary precaution. Not a few have this principal source even in a wrong or injudicious treatment, although the latter, in some instances, may be well meant. As such diseases, we will mention only a few of the principal and most frequent ones, such as founder, colic, and, in a majority of cases, heaves; and many other diseases of the respiratory organs, and will draw the attention of the readers of THE TRIBUNE toward such cases of injudicious treatment as are very frequent, and which, notwithstanding that the same can be easily avoided, must be considered as the principal causes of those diseases. It is true, the most cases of sickness in our domestic animals occur during the spring, but it is equally true that, probably in a majority of cases, the primary and predisposing causes can be traced back to noxious agencies that have been acting already during the winter; for, in that season a majority of our domestic animals are kept far less according to nature than in the summer. During the winter, they have to subsist entirely on dry food; while during the summer, a great many of them have the benefit of feeding upon the green and juicy grasses of the pasture. During the winter, a great many of our domestic animals either are exposed to the inclemencies of the weather, without being provided with sufficient heating material—that is, food—to resist the cold; or the same are kept tied in a small and ill-ventilated stable,—have to breathe not only the foul air exhaled by themselves and the animals that are kept with them, but also the noxious gases that develop from the manure accumulating in such a stable, and the effluvia from the neighboring dung-yard. But all these undoubtedly very injurious agencies seem to be of not as great an importance, at least their influence is not so immediate, as the consequences of some mistakes that are frequently made in the feeding and in the general treatment of our domestic animals, especially of horses; and about those mistakes I want to say a few words of cautions. Some of them occur more frequently in the winter than at any other time of the year, for the simple reason that, during the winter, the keeping of our domestic animals is, as a must be, much more an artificial one than in any other season.

FEEDING IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORK.

One of the most serious of those mistakes, and a frequent cause of founders and of colic, consists of feeding a horse or mule that has had severe exercise, has performed heavy labor, and, perhaps, is covered all over with perspiration, immediately, as soon as the same has come into his stall, with a good feed of grain, such as corn, oats, meal, etc. During exercise, a great deal of organic waste and change of material is taking place in the motory apparatus, especially in the motory muscles, and, in consequence, much more blood is demanded by, and carried to, those organs, than there would be when the animal is resting; that is, in other words, the circulation of the blood through the body is adjusted to the increased wants of the motory organs. If, for argument's sake, we call the distribution of the blood through the animal body a normal one, as it is when the animal is standing quietly in the stable, or when none of the different organs of its body is active in an extraordinary degree, then the distribution of the blood, and, be called abnormal, at least is much changed, when the motory apparatus, or any other class of organs, is drawn into an extraordinary activity. Such a change, however, in the distribution of the blood, and, consequently, in the circulation of the same, cannot take place very suddenly; neither can it be reduced to a normal condition just, as quickly as the extraordinary activity of a certain organ or a class of organs—of the motory organs, for instance—is stopped; for, during their extraordinary activity, a considerable waste of organic matter has taken place, which must first be repaired before the former circulation of the distribution of the blood can be equalized again. After severe muscular exertions, this process of equalization takes from half an hour to an hour, and, under circumstances, even longer. Therefore, after severe exercises, especially if the same have been continued long enough to cause considerable organic waste, no hearty food should be given within the first hour. Heavy food (grain, etc., but especially corn) demands the full digestive powers of the stomach and other digestive organs; hence makes it necessary that those organs are supplied with an increased quantity of blood. Therefore, if such food is given, and, as is often the case, in an uncommonly large quantity, too, immediately after hard and lasting exercises of the muscles—that is, before the distribution and the distribution of the blood have been equalized,—the consequence will be, that either the digestive process cannot be introduced, or that serious disturbances will soon occur in the circulation of the blood, and in the absorption of the organic waste and its repair in the motory apparatus, especially in the lower extremities, in the feet,—founder.

WORKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEEDING.

Nearly the same results, and for the same reasons, may be effected when a horse is used for hard work, and severe and lasting exercises, immediately after he has finished his meal of grain, especially then, when the muscular exercise begins before the digestive process has been fairly commenced. In such a case, colic is the frequent consequence.

DAMAGED FOOD.

In the winter, when horses have to subsist totally on the food we give them,—when no choice is left them but to eat what we put in their manger,—great care should be taken that their food is wholesome and of the best quality. The consequences of feeding musty, dusty, and mouldy hay—heaves, indigestion, and eye-diseases—are well enough known. They have been treated several times in the columns of THE TRIBUNE, and need scarcely my mentioning. The feeding of musty and mouldy grain, especially of musty oats, also has a tendency to induce heaves, eye-diseases, and diseases of the intestines, and urinary organs, and should be avoided if possible. If one is obliged to feed such damaged grain, the latter should be kiln-dried, so that the mould may be destroyed before it is fed to an animal.

BLANKETS.

A great many grooms, and even owners, of horses, especially in cities and towns, are in the habit of having their horses always covered with blankets, which, of course, makes their skin very tender and delicate, prevents the natural growth of the hair during the cold season, and thereby exposes the animals a great deal more to catching cold, if they are a short time without their blanket when not exercised. Others have their horses covered with blankets even during exercise, and make them in that way perspire more freely, which is wrong altogether, and frequently a source of collection of claims arising against the Government during and since the war. Now, in the transaction of this business of claim collecting there slips in a third party, who represents the government, and examines, or is supposed to examine, into all accounts presented, to ascertain whether they be just and right and deserving of payment, or the reverse. The name of the adjuster in this department is Captain Johnson, and his residence, by a curious coincidence, is also in Covington, and until lately, the General, the Colonel, and the Captain, *par nobile fratrum* in the school of war, have been warm personal friends.

Only until lately, however. For on yesterday morning, when the Captain and the Colonel chanced to meet, near the corner of Fifth and Madison streets, the Captain manifested a decided coolness toward his whilom friend, and, after the stiff formality of a ceremonious bow had been gone through with, stopped him, saying that he wanted an explanation from him. He said he had been informed that he (the Colonel), in trying to work up his business in Boone, and one or two adjoining counties, had represented that he "had the inside track" with the government agent, and that any claims he might take would be passed, and their payment ordered without too close a scrutiny into their justness. The Captain went on further to say, that while he had valued his friendship, that should be no inducement to him to pass a fraudulent claim, and when he represented that it would, he had stated what was not true.

"It's a d—d lie," the Colonel responded. "I never said such a thing."

"But I have it from good authority," was the answer.

"I don't care who said it. It's a lie," rejoined the Colonel. "Who told you?"

Now at this very moment General Burbridge was crossing the street, and just as he stepped on the curb and was about to join his two supposed friends, the Captain answered the question by saying, "General Burbridge here told me."

"If General Burbridge told you so, he is a d—d liar," angrily responded the Colonel.

A second after, a well directed blow from the General's fist sent the Colonel spinning to the other side of the walk. Before the blow could be returned, mutual friends of both parties interfered and led them away in different directions. During the rest of the day, as we have said before, reports were constantly being circulated that a challenge had been sent and accepted, seconds nominated and that a hostile meeting was inevitable. No rumor even going so far as to say that it would take place this morning, and on the frosty mead in the immediate neighborhood of Newport.

FASHIONS.

For Gentlemen and Ladies.

From the New York Tribune, Dec. 1.

GENTLEMEN'S FASHIONS.

The hat is pronouncedly a half-dress, and perhaps for business, is the silk hat, rather low, slightly over six inches in the height of the crown, which is bell-shaped, the brim is narrow—about two inches wide—turned at the sides, but not rolled; this style is valued at $9.00. The Alpine hat is passe, owing to its great popularity. We find, then, the "Grand Duke" felt hat, for regular business wear, with handsome high square crown, and brim rather narrow; for this, $5.00. A perfect opera hat is of ribbed silk, simulating a beaver, but the springs inside enabling one to carry it flatly beneath the arm. In the pocket, also, may be carried instead, a little soft cap. Astrakhan caps are no longer fashionable; the becoming seal-skin trade has taken their place. Also, Persian lamb-skin in black, is exceedingly becoming to blondes.

For suits of full dress, particularly at weddings, receptions, and the opera, black only is admissable; a fine black broadcloth swallow-tailed coat, which has not changed its shape in years, single-breasted waistcoat, cut exceedingly low, with rolling collar; the trousers are narrow and fit closely. For this ornamentation, fashion is very liberal. There are many pretty and tasteful varieties. Upon full dress occasions, the neck-tie is invariably white, in delicate transparent lawn or muslin, two inches wide, turned over, or corded silk with exquisitely embroidered ends. For the opera, pearl color, pale lavender, and the faintest tint of ashes of rose can be worn with the tie, and gloves to match. The ties are quite narrow, perhaps an inch or less in width, tied in a perfect bow, fashionable collar is standing, the points, which nearly meet in front over the bow, are delicately turned over. The Alexis butterfly bow is now worn with two ends. There is another species of tie, the arrangement of which has become a science. A rich scarf gives opportunity for the display of an onyx or diamond. For these dainty little scraps of vanity, most unreasonable prices are asked. The fashionable full dress sack overcoat is very *distingue* this season, in quite worthy its royal name. Just now, with the dancing fever at its culmination, exquisitely tinted robes of silk, in harmonious *fantaisie*, tempt the eye. The prices range among the hundreds. Among the imported robes, which consist of two colors in rather violent contrast, are the loveliest tint of lavender or blue violet *faille* in contrast with rose color; a pale shade of coffee and black; delicate ashes of rose and fuschia; the rose, creamy tint coloring of the ashes of rose and *cypres* green, and a beautiful light green of a peculiar silvery shimmer, as if moonlight had been pulsoned in its meshes. Then again, also, prepared for the grand ball, were crape costumes, illusive and airy as fleecy clouds, edged with silk fringe. These crape overdresses are exquisitely embroidered and fringed, and, with a quaint eccentricity, sometimes trimmed with a narrow border of ermine, or swan's down. *Faille*, of a charming cream-tinted white, imported especially for brides, is also sought after, and worn, too, by those who brides would be. This is $8 a yard, and another quality as high as $16. From twenty to twenty-five yards is required for the dress, which, when added to the fine lace trimming, of point or Valenciennes and flowers, forms no inconsiderable item of expense for a dress which society demands should not be worn too often. The *corsage* is cut quite low this winter, with round waists, which are finished with small set sashes. Sleeves are so *petite* as to be nearly invisible. A deep *bertha* of lace falls from the neck of the *corsage*. Another revolution has taken place in the style of short skirts, with the trained overskirt, a most accoumodal arrangement for the street, and exceedingly graceful for full dress. The trained underskirt is falling into disuse. Among the new shades, many of which were made up for the Duke's ball, were *Indienne* or lapis lazuli blue, trimmed with another shade of blue; *Sylphide*, the most delicate of Quaker gray; *rose pois*, of a pale sea-shell tinting; a rosy lavender with a flounce of English point, another shade of lavender formed the second flounce, over which hung a narrow ruffling of point, the third of a still fainter color, bordering upon pearl; with more point than the low, round waist had a basque of point, and a cluster of azaleas nestled upon the shoulders and the front of the corsage. A magnificent toilet was of rich water green heavy *faille*, with a garniture of *Alencon*, the queen of laces. For the happy chaperons of the belles of society magnificent brocades for over-dresses are found worn over plain *faille*, in richest pompadour or artistically arranged bouquets of many colors. These are made up with vests cut very deep and square, and trimmed with superb old lace. Others wore thick silk petticoats and velvet trains, with stomachers of costly lace. Dresden shades are very fashionable for stately dowagers, made with the Louis XIV. vest, buttoned with mosaic buttons set in red gold. Black silk dresses are properly trimmed with *passementerie*, slightly dotted with jet, fringe and lace. Many silk underskirts are made short and quite plain, an overskirt is added elaborately trimmed with gimp and chantilly lace, and yet another trained overskirt for evening wear.

The rage for fur seems to have gained its height. Silk, velvet, and velveteen are alike bordered with various kinds of fur, added to which very long boas are more fashionable than collars. The very newest of the fancy furs is the silver or black fox. The hair is long and silvery gray, so costly that the little muff is valued at $250. It is as fleecy and puffy as marabout. For trimming, it costs $12 a yard. The Alaska sable is popular still, and cheap; an entire set may be had for $80. This is also used for trimming all kinds of outside wraps at $3 per yard. Russian sables are as costly as ever, and just now especially coveted. Notwithstanding the fever for new things, mink is as much admired as ever, dark mink bringing the old prices—$125 and $150 a set. Chinchilla, grebe, and seal-skin are fond in the handsome cloaks for young ladies and children. Ermine sets consist of a long boa and very small muff. This is not so popular as formerly. Nothing can be more comfortable than sacks of fur. These are short, with a loose sleeve. Very fine seal-skin sacks are valued at $100, and higher yet, according to the color and quality. Many are slashed at the back to accord with the *fourrure*. It is fashionable this season to border a fur jacket with another kind of fur; for example, seal bordered with grebe or Alaska sable, or even the silver fox. Black marten is more fashionable than Astrachan, particularly for mourning. Frunine bordered with seal is another innovation of capricious fashion. The fashionable fur for gentlemen is seal-skin in the turban, cuffs, and collar of the coats, and bordering for gloves.

Marvels of beauty in intricate and costly work are offered for inspection by our superb jewelry establishments. Necklaces of heavy Roman gold are made with pendants of antique stones cut in intaglio, mosaics, or onyx set in precious stones. Everything of antiquity in style is sought eagerly for. Lockets are exquisitely beautiful, with beautifully carved mythological heads on jasper and sardonyx. Bracelets and earrings all partake of the antique in color and setting. Rumor says 600 shades are out in gloves. The "Marie Antoinette" promises to be the glove *par excellence*. It is of very fine elastic kid, wears excellently well, and comes in all the new colors, beautifully stitched. Black gloves are very *distingue*, embroidered in colors to suit the costume. Dog skin is popular, just now, for street wear.

THE GLACIERS OF AMERICA.

Their Origin and Course.

Prof. James D. Dana, the distinguished geologist of Yale, has just published in the *American Journal of Science* an interesting and valuable paper "on the position and height of the elevated plateau in which the glaciers of New England, in the glacial era, had its origin." The Professor introduces his research with the remark that the true existence of a region of high elevation in northern America as the source of a continued glacier in the glacial era has often been assumed, but rather because the glacial theory was lame without it than as a result of special research with respect to the extent and location of such a region." Professor Dana then concisely gives the direction of the glacial furrows or scratches crossing the Green and White Mountains, and shows that they could not have been made with that land of North America at its present level, and that these scratches on the rocky summits of New England point toward some great water of elevated lands, on the north of which the stupendous glacier began its southerly motion.

The scratches point over Lake Champlain, the low hills and plains beyond, and across the St. Lawrence to the valley of the Ottawa, which extends to a point nearly five hundred miles in an air-line from Mount Mansfield, and five hundred and seventy miles from the White Mountains, with an average trend of south sixty-five degrees east. The glacier-scratches point to the eastward, on the Ottawa, at least as far east as the region northeast of Lake Temiscaming, on the watershed between the St. Lawrence Valley and Hudson's Bay, and as low, on the side of the White Mountains and Green Mountains and those of the lower part of the Ottawa Valley all point toward this area, as do also the glacial marks of Northern Maine, of the adjoining region of Canada, of Western New York, and of Lake Huron. Professor Dana thinks that is justified in supposing that the icy plateau whence the great glacier took its departure must have existed somewhere on the western border of Hudson's Bay.

According to Professor Guyot, the average height of the Green Mountain range is thirty-five hundred feet. The distance from Mount Mansfield to the sea west of southeastern Massachusetts is two hundred miles. The scratches in this mountain point southeastward to the upper Connecticut valley, and those of this valley and of the adjoining region down this valley in the direction of Boston Bay; and to this bay the distance from the summit of Mount Mansfield is but one hundred and seventy-five miles. Still, taking two hundred miles as the length of the old glacier from Mount Mansfield to the sea, and thirty-five hundred feet as the average height of the Green Mountains in Vermont, the average rate of descent of the land in the region was a half feet in a mile. This was consequently the amount of slope that moved the glacier of a large part of New England.

To have moved the same glacier from the northwestward across the Green Mountains, and to have abraded their highest summits and also scored surfaces on the White Mountains, 1,500 feet above the thousand two hundred feet above the sea, the slope of the icy plateau must have been higher than 6,200 feet per mile; can reasonably assume that this plateau, whence originated the glacier, had a rate of descent toward the 5,400 feet level on the White Mountains of not less than 400 feet to the mile, and this rate for 400 miles would make the height of the plateau about 6,400 feet. The water shed about Hudson's Bay is now 1,500 feet above the sea, therefore the average elevation of this region must have been about 4,500 feet greater than now. "It is not supposed, supposable," says Professor Dana, "that the region was the course of a range of crested mountains that have since been washed away. No fact gives much extravagant assumption. All that the case demands is simply a bending upward of the surface over a wide area through a general continental movement of the coast, having its greatest results in the north; and such we may believe it to have been. Similar oscillations of surface upward, (see *Evening Post* of November 4, under "Our Scientific Summary"), and again downward, have taken place through all geological time, and they are still in progress; and geologists have detected them on seashores where there is a standard water-level for comparison. Moreover, the work of lifting continents and raising mountain chains has gone forward on a stupendous scale over Europe, Asia, and both Americas, through the whole era of the tertiary."

Should such a northwardly movement have gone down the valley of the Ottawa and on the slopes to the east of it, having, to this distant day, the track of its course engraved deeply in the Rocky Mountain flanks, with from 6,000 to 8,000 feet thickness of ice, the glacier kept on its course, guided only by the general slope of the land, but at the same time moulded itself into the larger valleys and into many even of the local slopes. The intense cold that is known to have existed in the American glacial era is also naturally accounted for if the land of Northern Canada was a great plateau, being an elevation higher than the mountains of New England.

The upward movement of the glacial era, which carried the north at least 5,000 feet above its present level, was followed by the slow subsidence of the "Champlain period," when the same lands sunk to a greater extent than they had previously been raised, letting down the Valley of the St. Lawrence, about Montreal, 500 feet below its present level, and probably 1,000 feet below its glacial-era level. With this sinking of the land began the melting of the glacier. Owing to the sinking of the surface in the north, northern and southern rivers had their slope greatly lessened, and in some cases made quite level for long distances, and by vast deposits of drift the Niagara and other rivers had their channels so obstructed that they were forced to cut new passages, while other water-courses of the glacial era were wholly cut off, as that from the Champlain Lake down the Hudson Valley. Then came the "terrace era," during which the land reached its present level, while the river channels were deepened, and the lake and river terraces, which now cover the continent, were formed.

The Painter's Quietus.

An artist in Nashua, N. H., not long ago, was doing his best at a sunset on the Rhine. A magnificent old castle occupied a prominent position in the picture, behind which, it is supposed, the glorious orbs of day had just disappeared, giving to the rocks, hills and dales that picturesque twilight which is so much admired by lovers of nature. As its rays fell upon the placid sheen of the Rhine, its reflections sparkled like molten silver. The artist surveyed his work in general outline, in blending and shading, lay down his pallet and brush, and was congratulating himself on the success of his masterpiece, when a countryman, who, unnoticed, had been viewing the picture from behind, remarked, with a measured tone, "Well, I swan, that looks natral."

"Ah, indeed," replied the artist, looking at the speaker, who certainly hadn't the appearance of having travelled a great distance beyond the barnyard: "Do you recognize it?"

"Recognize it? I guess I do. Been there mor'n forty times. It's just up here in the edge of Lewmister. That buildin' there" (the castle) "is Squire Jones' soap-house, and this shiny stuff" (the shimmering Rhine) "is the soapsuds that come from it."

There was an artist's studio to rent next day, and Raphael lost a talented follower, but the world in general and Nashua in particular found an excellent carriage and sign painter.

A VALUABLE RELIC.

Description of the Marble Sarcophagus Found at Tarsus—Its Presentation to the Museum of Art at New York.

From the New York Times.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has received from Mr. J. Augustus Johnson, lately United States Consul General at Beirut, and now a member of the bar of this city, a very valuable gift, a marble sarcophagus, highly ornamented with sculptured figures, which was discovered some years ago in Tarsus, in Cilicia, the birth-place of the Apostle Paul. This relic of antiquity was thought of such value and importance that the Navy Department gave orders to have it brought hither in a man-of-war, and it arrived a few days ago safely in Philadelphia, in the United States steamer Richmond. It will, no doubt, attract much attention from antiquarians when placed on exhibition in the Museum of Art.

The sarcophagus has a curious recent history. Shortly after its discovery it became the property of Mr. Abdo Debbas, an educated Arab merchant living at Tarsus. He desired to give it to Mr. Johnson, who, however, refused to receive a gift, being then a public officer, and Mr. Debbas finally proposed to present the relic to any society in this country which Mr. Johnson might designate. He caused it thereupon to be offered to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which formally accepted the gift last December. It was with much labor sent from Tarsus to the port of Mersine, where it was taken on board of the Shenandoah, and later transhipped to the Richmond.

The following description of the sarcophagus was written by an American missionary, Rev. Mr. Goss, shortly after its discovery.

The outside length is 6 feet 9 inches; width, 2 feet 9 inches, and height, 2 feet 6 inches. Inside, 5 feet 9 inches; width, 1 foot 10 inches; height, 2 feet 2 inches. The corner is in the form of a slanting roof, the highest point being 1 foot 6 inches in a perpendicular line from the lower edge. There is also a space 5 inches in width on the sides between the lower edge and the point where the slant begins. In describing the sarcophagus, I commence with the ends, both of which are alike. On either edge stands a beautifully carved winged angel, with the right hand upraised, and dressed in a short skirt not reaching the knee, a band across the shoulder, and a loose garment attached to the waist on the left side, covering the left leg and trailing on the ground. In the centre is a head, under which hangs gracefully and in the form of a queen, a wreath of oak leaves, from the lowest point of which is suspended a cluster of grapes or something very closely resembling it. On the front are three wreaths of equal length, like the one on the end, about two of which are heads, while over the centre one is a blank tablet. The ends of the wreaths are supported by angels in a standing position—male figures, without dress, while those at the edge, above described, are females. On one end of the cover, and exactly in the centre, is Cupid standing with a drawn bow and aiming at Venus, who lies on her left side before him, and has a loose garment thrown over her, extending from the waist to her feet. Cupid is without dress, embracing each other most lovingly, and having their cheeks, not lips, closely pressed together. Near Cupid stands his quiver and bow, and not far from Venus is seen a little bird. On the front of the cover, at either end, is a winged angel in a standing position and nude. These are separated by prominences, carved and hollowed for them, and more than a foot in height. On the side between the lower edge and the point where the slant begins, is a space, as mentioned above five inches in width, and extending the whole length of the cover, are the following figures, and in the order in which they are enumerated: A leopard, angel with club, lion, goat or hart, angel with club, tiger, angel, goat or hart, angel, hippopotamus, angel, tiger, goat or hart, woman, leopard. These angels and animals have not a quiet posture, but each is fighting his neighbor."

With the sarcophagus are the bones and teeth of the person who was buried in it, and a lamp also found in it.

THE EX-EMPIRE.

What the Dwellers in the Tuileries Drank —Sale of the Emperor's Wines.

Paris (Nov. 14) Correspondence of the London News.

The catalogue is out of 100,000 bottles and fifty-seven butts of the Emperor's wine, the sale of which by auction is to take place, in the Louvre, on Thursday, and is expected to last a fortnight. The great quantity takes the public by surprise, for it was announced that on the 4th of September, when the siege of Paris, and the Commune, the Imperial cellars had been pretty well cleared out, that only a small portion of their contents remained to be brought to the hammer. It would seem, however, that the bulk of the wine must have been preserved from all foes, for the auctioneer's lot-numbers, which he has the honor of submitting to public competition, under the respective headings of "Tuileries," "Palais-Royal," and "Compiegne." I assume that there must be many old frequenters of Fontainebleau tea parties, Compiegne hunts, and Tuileries balls, who will be curious to form indications to form an idea which category of wine is likely to be the best. The Emperor, with all his faults, was essentially a connoisseur in wines. Whether he ever spent his own money or that of the State, he thought little of expense. The best wines that the world could produce were often laid before his chosen friends and distinguished guests. But, with all his extravagance, there was something like order in the administration of his enormous household. And it is not to be supposed that the fashionable young men (*les petits creves*), the artists, journalists, and comparatively humble people of the Court who for years past, on another were invited to Fontainebleau or Compiegne, and allowed to give breakfasts to their friends in private rooms, were served with wines which never appeared on the carte by an Oxford Don, a bencher of the inns of Court, or an Alderman. But the wines which the Emperor drank were drawn from an Imperial cellar must necessarily be better than any other, I dare say some very good parcels may be picked up at the sale by connoisseurs. Purchasers should insist upon tasting; and this, according to the custom of French auction rooms, is not difficult to do—unless in the case of valuable wines, which are given away to guzzle. Much good wine there certainly must be. The immense quantity of claret is the principal thing. There are upward of 12,000 bottles of a very good growth of claret, not well-known, called Montrose. Of the more familiar brands—Chateau Lafitte, Chateau Margaux, Chateau Larose, Chateau Latour, Chateau Leoville, Branne Mouton, and Cos d'Estournelle—there is a goodly show. The stock of Burgundy is far less abundant; of the highest makes, such as Chamberlin, Romanee and Clos Vougeot, there are only a few hundred bottles. The 600 bottles of the best class of Santerne, Chateau-Yquem, 1847, will be priceless, if there is no trickery in the catalogue. There are scarcely more than 1,000 bottles of Champagne. The collection of Rhine wine is extremely meagre, with the exception of the very best of all Rhine wines, Johannisberger. Of this rare vintage there are advertised 523 bottles from the Tuileries, 205 from Fontainebleau, and 31 from Compiegne. The intimate friendship between the Emperor and Empress and the Prince and Princess of Montenuovo renders it probable that the Johannisberger is that which never comes into the market—is grown on the top of the mound under the windows of the Schloss Metternich, which everybody sees going down the Rhine, and is called the "Pride of the Cellar," and I should not be surprised if it were to fetch prices hitherto unprecedented. In the list of foreign—that is to say not French—wines, there is a considerable quantity of old Madeira, which I am told is unmatched. The Port, of which there are about 2,000 bottles, is described as *Porto doro*, a designation foreign to my recollections of that now, to me, obsolete liquid. Of absinthe—the liquor which, according to caricatures, must be injured before the French army can again become great—there are but ten bottles—six from Fontainebleau, and four from Compiegne.

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